

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

ACCEPT STATE FLOOD RESPONSE GRANT
FUNDING FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE
MILITARY DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 26-397

WHEREAS, a series of storm systems beginning on December 8, 2025, caused widespread flooding and damage in Lewis County and across the state; and

WHEREAS, the state's Washington Military Department Emergency Management Division has launched a grant to support county-led debris removal and waterway clearance projects related to the December 2025 severe weather and flooding events identified under the state's emergency proclamation, Proclamation 25-07.2; and

WHEREAS, substantial amounts of debris identified in and along the Cowlitz River channel pose ongoing risks to public safety, critical infrastructure, water quality, flood conveyance, navigation and downstream resources; and

WHEREAS, the debris includes two Conex shipping containers, approximately six recreational vehicles, one vehicle (SUV) and additional mixed household and flood-generated waste; and

WHEREAS, funding totaling \$1,500,000 is available from the Flood Response: Waterway and Debris Clearance Grant Program, which is designed to protect public safety and critical infrastructure, reduce downstream flood risk, restore waterway capacity and improve long-term community resilience through targeted debris removal activities in impacted rivers, streams and waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has reviewed the agreement with the Washington State Military Department for the Flood Response: Waterway and Debris Clearance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount of \$1,500,000 for debris removal program costs associated with the Cowlitz River was not included in Lewis County's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) budget; and

WHEREAS, DEM wishes to enter into this agreement to receive the funds for the State Flood Response Grant that will provide the funding need to remove debris associated with the 2025 December flood event; and

WHEREAS, it is the best public interest to authorize the execution of this agreement of Lewis County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the BOCC hereby approves the agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept \$1,500,000 in Flood Response: Waterway and Debris Clearance Grant Program funding to support debris removal in rivers and waterways of Lewis County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) authorizes the BOCC Chair to sign the State Flood Response Grant agreement on behalf of Lewis County.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 22nd day of September, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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By: David Bailey,
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ATTEST:



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