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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

State Fiscal Year 2016 Final Water Quality Funding Offer List and Intended Use Plan Leavenworth General Sewer Plan / Wastewater Facility Plan (GSP / FP)

The Leavenworth City Council would like to announce that the City has received notice for funding for initiating the Leavenworth Waste Water Treatment Plant Comprehensive Plan update. The Comprehensive Plan update is required to be completed by the City prior to the end of 2016. The available funding source for the project is the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

The State of Washington Department of Ecology funding offer is up to \$197,060 through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) including:

- A \$98,530 Loan from CWSRF for a term of 5 years at 1.2 percent interest rate.
- A \$98,530 Forgivable Principal loan from CWSRF that will not be required to be repaid.

The final funding amount to be awarded will be based on negotiations between the City of Leavenworth and the Department of Ecology regarding the project scope of work, technical considerations, and eligibility determinations. A funding agreement should be in place by January 30, 2016.

The City currently is renewing the NPDES Permit for the City's Waste Treatment Plant in addition to completing the Treatment Plant Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will also address modifications to the waste treatment facility for the development of a phosphorous limitation plan. Under the Department of Ecology requirements the City must be in compliance with the Wenatchee River Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) by September of 2020.

The Department of Ecology Water Quality Funding Program provides grants for water quality infrastructure and nonpoint source pollution projects to improve and protect water quality. Ecology offered approximately \$277 million to fund 162 projects throughout the state. A full list of funded projects and additional information is available at

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/cycles/funding.html>.