

Supplemental Budget Request

Status: Pending

Sheriff

Operations

Suppl ID # 4800

Fund

Cost Center 1003524009

Originator: Donna Duling

Expenditure Type: One-Time

Year 2 2024

Add'l FTE

Add'l Space

Priority 1

Name of Request: Whatcom Community Foundation - E-Bikes

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

9/27/24

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4367.1000	Donations	(\$7,500)
	6510	Tools & Equip	\$7,500
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

Whatcom Community Foundation authorized a designated pass-through grant of \$7,500 to the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office to purchase e-bikes.

1b. Primary customers:

Sheriff Office deputies and the citizens of Whatcom County

2. Problem to be solved:

Budget authority is needed to spend the funds.

3a. Options / Advantages:

The money was donated to specifically purchase e-bikes.

3b. Cost savings:

\$7,500.00

4a. Outcomes:

4b. Measures:

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

6. Funding Source:

Whatcom Community Foundation pass-through grant, #38858, made possible by a gift from the Blackburn family, in the amount of \$7,500.00



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September 17, 2024

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Chief Donnell Tanksley
Chief Deputy Gum
Undersheriff Harris
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office
311 Grand Avenue, Public Safety Building
Bellingham, WA 98225-4082

RE: Grant #38858

Dear Chief Tanksley, Undersheriff Harris, and Chief Deputy Gum:

We are pleased to advise you that Whatcom Community Foundation has authorized a designated pass-through grant of \$7,500 to Whatcom County Sheriff's Office for the e-bike pilot project. This contribution is made possible by a gift from the Blackburn Family.

Our check for \$7,500 payable to Whatcom County Sheriff's Office is enclosed. To complete our records, please send a receipt for this amount. Please include the grant number on any correspondence regarding this grant. *Please forward a photo to share with the donor of this project and the bikes in use.*

This contribution is intended as a gift in its entirety, and may not be used to fulfill the payment of any pledge or financial obligation. By accepting this check, your organization certifies to the Whatcom Community Foundation that no tangible benefit, goods, or services are received by any individual or entities connected with the Fund.

Should this gift ever be acknowledged publicly, it should be listed as a gift from "the Blackburn Family via the Whatcom Community Foundation."

Sincerely,

Mauri Ingram
President & CEO
Whatcom Community Foundation

*We're looking forward
to the positive impacts
of the new e-bikes on
community and area residents.
deputies and area residents.
Thanks very much for
your partnership.*

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Order summary

Subtotal **\$3,596.15**

Shipping (Standard Ground) **\$150.00**

Total **\$4,083.30**
incl. \$337.15 tax

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Pathlite:ON 5 SUV mid-step

\$3,499.00

Color: Ivory White

Frame Size: M , Quantity: 1



Bike Guard

\$0.00

Quantity: 1



Canyon LOAD FidLock QuickLoader Grail

\$97.15

Size: L , Quantity: 1

~~\$107.95~~

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Health

Human Services

Suppl ID # 4811 Fund 1 Cost Center 677370 Originator: Eric Chambers

Year 2 2024

Add'l FTE

Priority 1

Name of Request: 23-hour Crisis Relief Center

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4369.4000	Other Judg & Settlmnts	(\$1,000,000)
	8351	Operating Transfer Out	\$1,000,000
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

Whatcom County recently received an award through the Department of Commerce to subsidize the development of a County-owned crisis relief center with an anticipated opening in 2026. While the award was substantial, it did not cover the full amount needed to complete the project. Additional funds are needed to fill in this budget deficit. This request is to use \$1,000,000 of the Opioid Settlement Fund to support this project.

The purpose of the 23-hour Center is to provide a local alternative to jail, emergency departments, and psychiatric hospitalization for individuals experiencing a short-term crisis. The 23-hour model is a recliner-based model and will include rapid stabilization, reduction of crisis symptoms, minor wound care, and therapeutic support and observation.

It will be Located adjacent to the Anne Deacon Center for Hope, at 2026 Division St. The Center will be approximately 24,000 square sf and hold up to 32 recliners, it will also house showers, laundry facilities, clinical and office space. It will accept all behavioral health walk-ins and drop-offs from ambulance, fire, police, designated crisis responders, mobile rapid response crisis teams, fire department mobile integrated health and CARES teams, and individuals referred through the 988 system regardless of behavioral health acuity, as long as capacity allows. It will also work collaboratively with Anne Deacon Center for Hope and other programs and services in the continuum of care.

The Whatcom County 23-hour Crisis Relief Center will be based on the requirements adopted by the legislature in 2023 with Engrossed Second Substitute Bill 5120 which have been codified in RCW 71.26.916. The Washington State Department of Health recently adopted amendments to the behavioral health regulations in WAC 246-341-0110, 246-341-0200, 246-341-0365, 246-341-0901, 246-341-0912, 246-341-1140, and added WAC 246-341-0903 and amending WAC 246-341-0200, 246-341-0515, and 246-341-0901 to align the regulations with statutory changes passed by the 2023 legislature, in Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724.

This is a compaion supplemental to 4806.

1b. Primary customers:

The anticipated population to be served are adults 18 years or older who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. We anticipate that 50% of individuals served will be eligible for Medicaid, 40% associated with one of the five Managed Care Organizations, and 10% or less private insurance.

2. Problem to be solved:

In Whatcom County, Washington State, and across the US, communities are struggling with overdose deaths. In 2023, there were 136 overdose deaths in Whatcom County, exceeding prior year death rates

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Cost Center 677370

Originator: Eric Chambers

and representing a trend of marked increase since 2018. Individuals struggling with Opioid Use Disorder often struggle to connect with appropriate services due to high-barrier access to care, provider stigma, and struggling with other aspects of life, including housing, employment, health care, education, and social support. A safe location to go to get support is a vital part of our continuum of care that is currently a mission.

The Justice Project Needs Assessment found Whatcom County needed locations (outside of the hospital emergency room and jail) where individuals can go who are in a behavioral health crisis. Having this new location will help increase the success rate for admissions into treatment, reduce incarceration, and reduce overdoses.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Twenty-three Hour Facilities are designed to relieve the burden on hospitals and jails, and to improve the health of both individuals and the community experiencing acute behavioral health needs and serve as an important part of the trauma-informed continuum of care in their communities. While other options, such as the Anne Deacon Center of Hope, the Alternative Response Team (ART), The Ground Level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) program, the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program and Mental Health Court are all important and necessary programs, they are not sufficient to meet all of the needs across the continuum of care.

3b. Cost savings:

While this work is at its most preliminary states in predevelopment, a review of the literature suggests that the County can expect to see significant savings across multiple sectors including a reduction in the number of psychiatric hospitalization and emergency room referrals (c.f. Gillig, et al., 1989 ; Francis et al., 2000 ; Thinn et al., 2015). Additionally, we anticipate a reduced cost to the court system, the jail, and other Department-run behavioral health programs.

4a. Outcomes:

The global outcome of this work is the reduction of the number of individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis in Whatcom County who are hospitalized secondary to their crisis. To achieve this outcome, the County will complete the following activities in 2025:

1. Predevelopment and design work, coordinated by Whatcom County Facilities with support from the Executive's Office and the Health and Community Services Department.
2. Design and release of an RFP to solicit a consultant or consultants to support the design process, programming, and develop funding strategies, coordinated by the Health and Community Services Department.
3. An Architectural and Engineering firm will be hired to begin preliminary designs, coordinated by the Facilities with support from the Executive's Office and the Health and Community Services Department.

4b. Measures:

Architectural and engineering firm will be hired. A provider will be hired for planning and eventual operations. Permits will be secured, environmental reviews will be completed, and wetland mitigation will be completed.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

Currently, the Executive's Office is involved in the planning but does not need spending authority. Whatcom County Facilities Management will be involved in the capital phase of this project and will need spending authority during the 2025 fund year for staff time and other pre-development costs including architectural and engineering services. Health and Community Services will need spending authority for predevelopment and planning including hiring consultants and a provider to support planning.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Kayla Schott-Bresler, from the Executive's Office will be responsible for coordinating with County departments, including legal and fiscal, during the implementation.

Rob Nye, Rusty Noble, and Hans Howard will be responsible for the construction management aspect of this project. Including procuring an architectural and engineering firm and managing all required permits, inspections, and mitigation efforts.

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Cost Center 677370

Originator: Eric Chambers

Eric Chambers and Hannah Fisk from the Health and Community Services Department will be responsible for representing the Departments' interest during the planning phase, including identifying and contracting with a provider to support planning and, eventually, facility operations, and to representing the Department's interest.

6. Funding Source:

Opioid Settlement Funds. Companion to supplemental 4806.

There has been roughly \$2 million collected in opioid settlement funds from this particular settlement. This action would appropriate \$1 million leaving \$1 million remaining as unallocated. The administration has not committed any other portion of these settlement dollars beyond this proposed appropriation.

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Public Works

Administration

Suppl ID # 4805 **Fund** 108 **Cost Center** 10895 **Originator:** J Green

Expenditure Type: One-Time **Year 2** 2024 **Add'l FTE** **Add'l Space** **Priority** 1

Name of Request: Road Fund companion to Ferry SBRs 4804 & 4803

X		10.15.2025
Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)		Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	8351.444	Op Transfer Out - Ferry	\$7,200
	8351.444	Op Transfer Out - Ferry	\$6,750
	Request Total		\$13,950

1a. Description of request:

This is the Road Fund companion to the following Ferry supplemental budgets:

- 4803-New Lummi Island Terminal Spring Lines
- 4804-Longer Gangway during Dry Dock for ADA compliance

1b. Primary customers:

2. Problem to be solved:

3a. Options / Advantages:

3b. Cost savings:

4a. Outcomes:

4b. Measures:

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

6. Funding Source:

Road Fund

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Administration

Suppl ID # 4809

Fund 108

Cost Center 10895

Originator: Julia Green

Expenditure Type: One-Time

Year 2 2024

Add'l FTE

Add'l Space

Priority 1

Name of Request: Road Fund Companion to SBR 4808

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	8351	Operating Transfer Out	\$2,614,000
	Request Total		\$2,614,000

1a. Description of request:

This is a companion supplemental to #4808-Central Shop NPDES Stormwater PBB Amend 1, which contributes the Road Fund portion of the amended budget.

1b. Primary customers:

2. Problem to be solved:

3a. Options / Advantages:

3b. Cost savings:

4a. Outcomes:

4b. Measures:

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

6. Funding Source:

Road Fund

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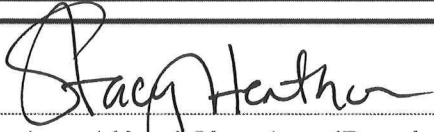
Status: Pending

Auditor

Suppl ID # 4739 Fund 109 Cost Center 10932 Originator: Stacy Henthorn

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 2 2024 Add'l FTE Add'l Space Priority 1

Name of Request: OSOS Information Security Fund 2024 - 2025

X  10/24/2024
Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4334.0031	State Elections Grant	(\$40,000)
	6320	Office & Op Supplies	\$20,000
	6510	Tools & Equip	\$20,000
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

The Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) is making available another round of \$80,000 to each county to support election security improvements at the local level. The purpose of this request is to accept and expend new OSOS grant funds to use for election security purposes.

1b. Primary customers:

Voters and Auditor's Office.

2. Problem to be solved:

Security continues to be a priority for elections. These funds from the OSOS will help strengthen our security measures for our election system.

3a. Options / Advantages:

The advantage of receiving these funds is to allow us to procure equipment and services necessary to ensure security initiatives in elections.

3b. Cost savings:

Acceptance of these funds will allow us to procure needed security enhancements without the use of General fund or Election Reserve funds.

4a. Outcomes:

Outcomes are the installation of the improved equipment and purchase of supplies without the use of General fund and Elections Reserve funds.

4b. Measures:

Procurement and installation of the improved equipment and purchase of supplies.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

No

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

No

6. Funding Source:

The funding source is through the Office of Secretary of State awarding funds through a reimbursement program for those participating in the 2024 - 2025 Information Security Funds.

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Jail

Suppl ID # 4801 **Fund 118** **Cost Center 118168** **Originator: Caleb Erickson**

Expenditure Type: One-Time **Year 2 2024** **Add'l FTE** **Add'l Space** **Priority 1**

Name of Request: *HCA Medicaid Reentry project*

X		<i>10/21/24</i>
	Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)	Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4334.0461	HCA	(\$150,000)
	6610	Contractual Services	\$150,000
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

This supplemental request seeks spending authority to achieve the first milestone of the award. The award funds will be disbursed as each milestone is met. Since the first milestone, the application, has been completed, we are now eligible to receive the associated funding.

1b. Primary customers:

Incarcerated individuals, County Staff and community members.

2. Problem to be solved:

In Whatcom County Jail, many inmates face serious health challenges, particularly when it comes to mental health and substance use disorders. These individuals often cycle in and out of the jail without receiving consistent or adequate care, which not only worsens their health but also increases the burden on both the criminal justice and healthcare systems. On top of that, Medicaid coverage is typically suspended while someone is incarcerated, so when they're released, they don't have immediate access to the care they need. This leads to a higher chance of relapse or re-offense, and often results in costly emergency room visits.

The 1115 demonstration waiver gives Whatcom County the ability to make real changes. It allows the county to:

Ensure continuity of care by reactivating Medicaid for people as soon as they're released from jail. This means they can access mental health services, substance use treatment, and other healthcare right away.

Expand services inside the jail by connecting inmates with healthcare providers who can assess and begin treatment while they're still incarcerated, so they don't fall through the cracks when they leave.

Reduce costs by preventing health issues from spiraling into emergencies, which saves money for both the healthcare and criminal justice systems.

Extend Medicaid coverage to individuals during the last 90 days of their incarceration. This provision allows the county to bill Medicaid for healthcare services, including mental health and substance use treatment, during that pre-release window. By providing Medicaid-funded care while individuals are still in jail, the waiver ensures continuity of care, improving health outcomes and preparing inmates for a healthier transition back into the community. This also facilitates better discharge planning and coordination of services post-release, reducing the chances of relapse, re-offense, and emergency room visits. Ultimately, the waiver helps address gaps in care, lowering both healthcare and criminal justice costs while supporting vulnerable populations.

3a. Options / Advantages:

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Jail

Supp'ID # 4801 **Fund 118** **Cost Center 118168** **Originator: Caleb Erickson**

We could wait to get funding until 2025, but there are services and contracts we are already spending funds on this year that can be re-imbursed through this award.

3b. Cost savings:

The award is given to Whatcom County based on application, which is complete. So we stand to have significant cost savings once we can bill for medical and mental health services to Medicare for incarcerated individuals.

4a. Outcomes:

For 2024, we intend to fund the cost center for the HCA Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver before the end of 2024.

4b. Measures:

We have filled out the forms for the first segment of the award and we expect a disbursement within the next two weeks. This would give us budget authority to spend and reimburse our accounts.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

Health and Community Services. They are contracting to facilitate use of the funds.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

HCA Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver award.

6. Funding Source:

HCA Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver award.

Supplemental Budget Request

Jail

Suppl ID # 4802 **Fund 118** **Cost Center 118144** **Originator: Caleb Erickson**

Expenditure Type: One-Time **Year 2** **2024** **Add'l FTE** **Add'l Space** **Priority** 1

Name of Request: Heather Meadows Grant

X  10/21/24
Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) **Date**

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4332.1069	Federal Forest-Title II	(\$21,000)
	6320	Office & Op Supplies	\$1,500
	6429	Fuel-Interfund	\$2,000
	6510	Tools & Equip	\$1,173
	6720	Telephone	\$200
	6869	Equip Rental-Interfund	\$1,600
	7060	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,000
	Request Total		(\$12,527)

1a. Description of request:

The Sheriff's Office partners with the USDA Forest Service to provide education conservation, and natural resource management through trail maintenance, reconstruction work, and related maintenance on Fire and Ice and Artist's Ridge Trails in support of the Great American Outdoor Act Heather Meadows funded priority project on the Mt. Baker Ranger District.

Sheriff's Office staff select participants to work on crews to support that work.

The US Forest Services is paying a portion of the wages for the Work Crew Supervisor that is proportional to the days worked. That budget authority comes from Cost Center 118143.

1b. Primary customers:

Visitors of the Mt. Baker Ranger District, and community members.

2. Problem to be solved:

The USDA Forest Service provides funding to support the work, which is a re-imbursement for some of the funds. This supplemental is to provide a budget for the grant funds for 2024 as well as a revenue account for the funds.

3a. Options / Advantages:

We could wait or not take on the grant funds. But the services for the public would be affected.

3b. Cost savings:

This is a grant that has offsetting revenues for the cost of services.

4a. Outcomes:

The revenue will be deposited in the cost center and the funds can be billed against the grant as we provide the services.

4b. Measures:

We are billing for services rendered and the grant is the funding source.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

No.

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Suppl ID # 4802 Fund 118 Cost Center 118144 Originator: Caleb Erickson

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

None

6. Funding Source:

USDA Forest Service Grant: Great American Outdoor Act Heather Meadows - Trails and Recreation Site Maintenance and Dam Rehabilitation.

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Status: Pending

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID# 4807 Fund 332 Cost Center Originator: T. Helms

Expenditure Type: One-Time Year 1 2023 Add'l FTE Add'l Space Priority 1

Name of Request: Habitat for Humanity - Land Acquisition

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission) **Date**

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	7220	Intergov Subsidies-Grants	\$231,000
	7225	Intergov Subsidies-Loans	\$469,000
	Request Total		\$700,000

1a. Description of request:

Habitat for Humanity has a unique opportunity to acquire 2.5 acres of land from Kulshan Community Land Trust (KCLT). This property is located at 1050 Telegraph Road in Bellingham, WA. The requested funding is in the amount of a \$469,000 loan and a \$231,000 grant for a total of \$700,000. The purchase price of the property equals the appraisal price of the \$1,325,000, with Habitat for Humanity providing the balance of funds to purchase. No other source of funds or financing will be required for the acquisition.

The urgency of this request is directly related to the KCLT having another buyer. Habitat has until the end of October to delineate a clear financial path to procuring the funds needed to transfer title. The loan/grant funding will allow Habitat to build 40 or more homes in Bellingham that low (30-80% AMI) clients can afford to purchase.

1b. Primary customers:

low AMI (30-80%) clients can afford to purchase a home.

2. Problem to be solved:

Housing remains a significant issue in Whatcom County and across the nation. This is a rare opportunity that will allow for affordable housing to be constructed and sustained.

3a. Options / Advantages:

On October 9, the EDI Board unanimously recommended funding for this project. It is anticipated the formal funding request will be brought to council on November 6th. The administration is putting forward the budget supplemental request to ensure funding can be approved in November and the County can provide reasonable assurance to Habitat and KCLT that the Council anticipates funding this project.

3b. Cost savings:

n/a

4a. Outcomes:

Homes will be constructed in a location that is 100 feet of a bus stop and within walking distance of grocery stores, restaurants, shopping and other important amenities and essential services. Low AMI (30-80%) eligible families will have the opportunity to purchase an affordable home.

4b. Measures:

Homes will be developed on this property and the funding recipient will provide progress reports of the development.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

n/a

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Status: Pending

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 4807

Fund 332

Cost Center

Originator: T. Helms

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

n/a

6. Funding Source:

Pubic Utilities Improvement Fund

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Ferry & Docks

Suppl ID # 4803

Fund 444

Cost Center 444610

Originator: Chantelle Russell

Expenditure Type: One-Time

Year 2 2024

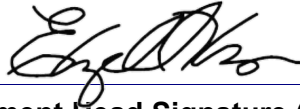
Add'l FTE

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Priority 1

Name of Request: New Lummi Island Terminal Spring Lines

X



10.15.2024

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	<i>Object</i>	<i>Object Description</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
	6510	Tools & Equip	\$15,000
	7069	Repairs & Maint-Interfun	\$1,000
	8301.108	Op Transfer In - Road	(\$7,200)
	Request Total		\$8,800

1a. Description of request:

New spring lines on the Lummi Island terminal.

1b. Primary customers:

Whatcom County, ferry employees, and ferry users.

2. Problem to be solved:

The spring lines that are used to secure the ferry in the Lummi Island terminal at night are worn out. It is essential that these lines are in good condition to keep the ferry in the slip and away from the terminal during non-operational ferry hours. The current spring lines are approximately 8 years old.

3a. Options / Advantages:

We could choose to only purchase four new spring lines now, and purchase the other lines at a different time. However, the safest way to approach this issue to purchase and install all of the lines at once.

3b. Cost savings:

Choosing not to purchase new spring lines would increase the likelihood of damage to the Whatcom Chief and the Lummi Island terminal in the event the spring lines broke, which would be far more expensive.

4a. Outcomes:

The spring lines will be purchased and installed by the end of 2024.

4b. Measures:

The new spring lines will keep the ferry and the Lummi Island terminal safe from damage while the ferry is not in service.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

The Public Works Bridge crew will install the new spring lines.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Charles McKenna, Bridge crew leader

6. Funding Source:

This work is part of the ferry operations and therefore will be funded through 55% Farebox collections and 45% road fund taxes.

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Ferry & Docks

Suppl ID # 4804 **Fund** 444 **Cost Center** 444610 **Originator:** Chantelle Russell

Expenditure Type: One-Time **Year 2** 2024 **Add'l FTE** **Add'l Space** **Priority** 1

Name of Request: *Longer Gangway during Dry Dock for ADA compliance*

X		10.15.2024
Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)		Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	7069	Repairs & Maint-Interfun	\$15,000
	8301.108	Op Transfer In - Road	(\$6,750)
	Request Total		\$8,250

1a. Description of request:

During the 2024 dry dock, the Public Works Bridge Crew needed to install a longer gangway in order to meet ADA compliance requirements. This was not included in the Dry Dock budget, so the purpose of this supplemental budget is to request spending authority in order to reimburse the Bridge Crew for installing and removing the longer gangway.

1b. Primary customers:

Whatcom County, ferry employees, and ferry users.

2. Problem to be solved:

The Safety Coordinator performed a tide study on the Lummi Island terminal during the 2023 Spring dry dock due to complaints and concerns about the steepness of the ramp during low tides. He found we were not in ADA compliance, so during the 2024 dry dock, the Public Works Bridge Crew installed a longer gangway. By adding the longer gangway, it addresses these concerns and provides sturdier gang rails for all ferry customers and crews.

3a. Options / Advantages:

We could have used an external party to install and remove the gangway, however, it would have been more expensive. The most cost effective way was utilizing the Public Works Bridge Crew.

3b. Cost savings:

We are required to be compliant with the ADA and part of that is to provide safe travel for customers in wheelchairs. By increasing the distance from the top of the ramp to the floating dock which is required for the use of the passenger only ferry, the gangway provides for safer travel for wheelchair users. It also provides sturdier handrails for all ferry customers and crew's benefit.

4a. Outcomes:

By placing the gangway during dry dock, we are improving our safety measures and becoming more in line with the ADA.

4b. Measures:

Less complaints and ADA concerns from the Whatcom County ferry riders and crews.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

The Public Works Bridge crew installs and removes the gangway and charges the ferry system thru interfund.

5b. Name the person in charge of implementation and what they are responsible for:

Charles McKenna, Bridge crew leader

6. Funding Source:

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Ferry & Docks

Suppl ID # 4804

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Cost Center 444610

Originator: Chantelle Russell

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