



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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Agenda Date:	04/25/2023			Enactment #:	ORD 2023-026

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$6,245,264

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #6 requests funding from the General Fund:

1. To record \$16,804 transfer-in from Behavioral Health Fund for indirect costs.
2. To appropriate \$50,000 in District Court Probation to fund additional Domestic Violence Perpatrator Opportunity for Treatment Services program from City of Bellingham funding.

From the Elections Reserve Fund:

3. To appropriate \$80,000 to fund elections security improvements from grant proceeds.

From the Homeless Housing Fund:

4. To appropriate \$464,359 to fund increase in Commerce Consolidated Housing Grant program.
5. To re-appropriate \$912,460 to fund Emergency Solutions - Housing Grant program.

From the Behavioral Health Program Fund:

6. To appropriate \$72,631 to fund Alternative Response Team (ART) staffing increase.
7. To record Behavioral Health labor pool adjustment for new ART position.
8. To appropriate \$16,804 to fund transfer-out to cover indirect costs.
9. To appropriate \$62,000 to fund increase for ART Pilot Program from City of Bellingham pass-through grant proceeds.

From the Countywide Emergency Medical Services Fund:

10. To re-appropriate \$120,400 to fund Firefighter recruiting/hiring costs associated with replacement of personnel transferred to the 5th Paramedic Unit.

11. To re-appropriate \$61,760 to fund Fire District #5 (Pt Roberts) Basic Life Support services allocation.

From the Ferry Fare Capital Surcharge Fund:

12. To re-appropriate \$25,000 to fund PSE study to determine feasibility of supplying charging power for an electric ferry at the ferry terminals.

From the Emergency Management Fund:

13. To appropriate \$4,294,850 to fund Emergency Rapid Response Grant program projects as a result of the November 2021 flood.

From the Public Utilities Improvement Fund:

14. To appropriate \$45,000 to fund Williamson Way water damage repair.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
04/11/2023	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
	Aye: 7	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
	Nay: 0		
04/25/2023	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
	Aye: 3	Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner	
	Nay: 0		
04/25/2023	Council	ADOPTED	
	Aye: 7	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
	Nay: 0		

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Budget Supplemental Requests

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 026

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OF THE 2023 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 budget was adopted November 22, 2022; and,
WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2023-2024 budget;
and,

WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the
Whatcom County Council,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 2023-2024
Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2022-070 is hereby amended by adding the following additional
amounts to the 2023 budget included therein:

Fund	Expenditures	Revenues	Net Effect
General Fund			
Health	-	(16,804)	(16,804)
District Court Probation	50,000	(50,000)	-
Total General Fund	50,000	(66,804)	(16,804)
Elections Reserve Fund	80,000	(80,000)	-
Homeless Housing Fund	1,376,819	(1,376,819)	-
Behavioral Health Program Fund	191,435	(98,316)	93,119
Countywide Emergency Medical Services Fund	182,160	-	182,160
Ferry Fare Capital Surcharge Fund	25,000	-	25,000
Emergency Management Fund	4,294,850	(4,294,850)	-
Public Utilities Improvement Fund	45,000	-	45,000
Total Supplemental	6,245,264	(5,916,789)	328,475

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that Exhibit C – Position Control
Changes in the 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance should also be amended to provide for the following
FTE changes in Health:

- Add 1 FTE Behavioral Health Specialist (Alternative Response Team)

ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email/C Quinn/A Tan
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Barry Buchanan, Chair of Council

Approved () Denied


Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 4/28/23