



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$741,113

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #5 requests funding from the General Fund:

1. To appropriate \$125,000 in Sheriff to fund firearms safety program using grant funds.
2. To appropriate \$6,975 in Sheriff to fund purchase of equipment for school zone safety using grant funds.
3. To appropriate \$13,842 in Sheriff to fund drug trafficking investigation overtime using grant funds.
4. To appropriate \$97,597 in Health to fund additional National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) source control program requirements using grant funds.

From the Emergency Management Fund:

5. To appropriate \$10,044 in Sheriff to fund terrorism prevention and hazard preparation activities using grant funds.

From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund:

6. To appropriate \$55,000 in Parks & Recreation to fund Van Zandt Community Hall Renovation.

From the Public Utilities Improvement Fund:

7. To appropriate \$12,820 in Parks & Recreation to fund HVAC replacement for the Parks Headquarters.

From the Administrative Services Fund:

8. To appropriate \$419,835 in AS-Facilities to fund Clean Building Program energy audit consulting using grant funds.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/10/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 6 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler	
		Nay: 1 Elenbaas	
03/24/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremler	
03/24/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremler	

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Summary by Fund, Supplemental Requests, Budget Certification, Notice of Action Proposed on 3.10.2026

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 03/10/2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-017
AMENDMENT NO. 5 OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 budget was adopted November 19, 2024; and
WHEREAS, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2025-2026 budget;
and

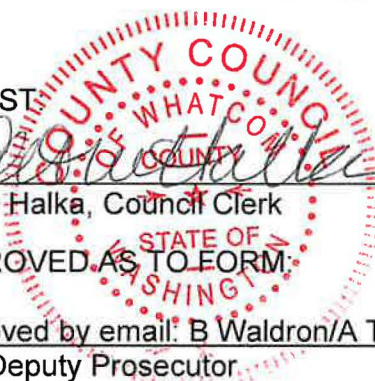
WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the
Whatcom County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 2025-2026
Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2024-057 is hereby amended by adding the following additional
amounts to the 2026 budget included therein:

Fund	Expenditures	Revenues	Net Effect
General Fund 1000	243,414	(246,634)	(3,220)
Emergency Management Fund 1351	10,044	(10,044)	-
Real Estate Excise Tax II (REET II) Fund 3240	55,000	-	55,000
Public Utilities Improvement Fund 3242	12,820	-	12,820
Administrative Services Fund 5500	419,835	(419,835)	-
Total Supplemental	741,113	(676,513)	64,600

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:


Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email: B Waldron/A Tan
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway
Kaylee Galloway, Chair of the Council

Approved () Denied

Satpal Sidhu
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 3/26/26