



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. 7, in the amount of \$23,290,457

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #7 requests funding from the General Fund:

1. To record \$46,904 in Health to fund Trueblood Class Member Housing; companion to #5387.
2. To appropriate \$1,319,142 in Health to fund a transfer of restricted fund balance to opioid special revenue fund; companion to #5414.
3. To appropriate \$60,000 in WSU Extension to fund community outreach on opioid prevention; companion to #5426.
4. To appropriate \$2,000 in Sheriff to fund radar purchase using grant funds.
5. To appropriate \$25,135 in Sheriff to fund SKOR program using grant funds.
6. To appropriate \$50,363 in Sheriff to fund an independent administrative investigation.
7. To appropriate \$64,505 in Non-Departmental to fund Emergency Management activities.

From the Election Reserve Fund:

8. To appropriate \$72,712 in Auditor to fund election information security using grant funds.
9. To appropriate \$10,000 in Auditor to fund election physical security using grant funds.

From the Convention Center Fund:

10. To appropriate \$90,140 in Non-Departmental to fund 2026 Tourism & Events Committee Awards using lodging taxes.

From the Conservation Futures Fund:

11. To appropriate \$862,906 in Public Works to fund agricultural easements for the Nooksack Riparian Resilience Project using grant funds.
12. To record \$2,900,000 in Non-Departmental to fund cost recovery on Stewart Mountain and Acme Floodplains using grant funds.

From the Community Priorities Fund:

13. To appropriate \$25,000 in Non-Departmental to fund completion of the PUD Point Roberts Broadband project.
14. To appropriate \$190,000 in Health to fund childcare stabilization efforts.
15. To appropriate \$4,212,800 in Health to fund four approved childcare capital projects.

From the Emergency Management Fund:

16. To appropriate \$64,505 in Sheriff-Emergency Management to fund public safety radio.
17. To appropriate \$45,000 in Sheriff-Emergency Management to fund siren relocation using grant funds.
18. To appropriate \$152,876 in Sheriff-Emergency Management to fund FIFA World Cup security using grant funds.

From the Behavioral Health Program Fund:

19. To appropriate \$67,628 in Health to fund overdose prevention and response using grant funds.
20. To appropriate \$3,384,844 in Health to fund Trueblood Class Member Housing; companion to #5388.

From the Healthy Children's Fund:

21. To appropriate \$1,747,440 in Health to fund early learning and care projects.
22. To appropriate \$3,775,795 in Health to fund vulnerable children's contracts.

From the Opioid Settlement Fund:

23. To record 1,319,142 in Health to accept transfer of restricted fund balance to opioid special reserve fund; companion to #5414.
24. To appropriate \$60,000 in Health to fund community outreach on opioid prevention; companion to 5389.

From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund:

25. To decrease appropriation of \$38,447 in Parks & Recreation for Bay to Baker Billing in REET II; companion to #5405.

From the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund:

26. To appropriate \$37,500 in AS-Facilities to fund roof repairs for Pt. Roberts Sheriff Office.
27. To appropriate \$105,000 in AS-Facilities to fund courthouse boiler replacement.

From the Public Utilities Fund:

28. To appropriate \$2,296,777 in Non-Departmental to fund approved grant for Meridian/Birchwood Roundabout project.
29. To appropriate \$3,000,000 in Non-Departmental to fund grant and loan disbursements for the Old Town Urban Village Improvement.
30. To appropriate \$1,000,000 in Non-Departmental to fund grant payments for the Bear Creek

Corridor Mitigation Bank project.

31. To appropriate \$36,910 in Non-Departmental to fund grant payments for the Kulshan Land Trust Telegraph project.
32. To appropriate \$54,226 in Non-Departmental to fund wastewater treatment contract with City of Lynden.
33. To appropriate \$515,700 in Parks & Recreation to fund Bay to Baker Trail using grant funds; companion to #5427.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
04/14/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler
04/28/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	FORWARDED TO COUNCIL WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION	
04/28/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance, Summary Listing, Summary by Fund, Supplemental Requests, Notice of Action Proposed on 4.14.2026

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCED: April 14, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-022

AMENDMENT NO. 7 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

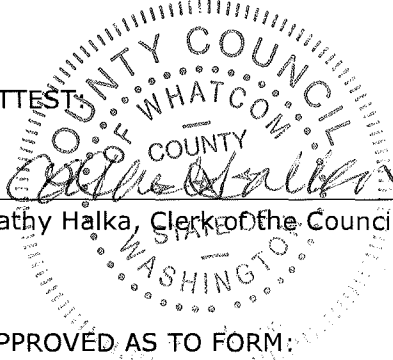
WHEREAS, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the Whatcom County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that 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	1,521,145	(108,904)	1,412,241
Election Reserve Fund 1150	82,712	(82,712)	-
Convention Center Fund 1244	90,140	-	90,140
Conservation Futures Fund 1246	862,906	(3,762,906)	(2,900,000)
Community Priorities Fund 1247	4,427,800	-	4,427,800
Emergency Management Fund 1351	262,381	(266,750)	(4,369)
Behavioral Health Program Fund 1853	3,452,472	(3,671,507)	(219,035)
Healthy Children's Fund 1858	5,523,235	-	5,523,235
Opioid Settlement Fund 1859	60,000	(1,319,142)	(1,259,142)
Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund 3240	(38,447)	-	(38,447)
Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund 3241	142,500	-	142,500
Public Utilities Improvement Fund 3242	6,903,613	(425,000)	6,478,613
Total Supplemental	23,290,457	(9,636,921)	13,653,536

ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2026

ATTEST:



Cathy Halka
 Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway
 Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by Email: ATan/TSequine

 Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Satpal Sidhu
 Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Approved () Denied

Date Signed: 5/1/26