



Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance authorizing an interfund loan for the construction of the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

In tandem with the ordinance establishing the project-based budget for the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court, this proposal requests that a loan shall be made from the Public Utilities Improvement fund to bridge funding for the project. Please see attached.

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:	Action:	Sent To:
03/11/2025	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler
03/25/2025	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Nay: 0	Byrd, Donovan, and Buchanan
03/25/2025	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 7 Nay: 0	Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Attachments: Memo, Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Action Proposed on 3.11.2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-016

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN TO DEVELOP A MULTI-USE SPORTS COURT AT EAST WHATCOM REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER

WHEREAS, the County has identified a longstanding need for organized athletic facilities in the areas of Kendall and Peaceful Valley and no similar facility exists to serve these areas, and,

WHEREAS, the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center (EWRRC) has been identified as an ideal host for the construction of sports courts due to its location and proximity to the community in need; and,

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded the Community Outdoor Athletic Facility (COAF) Grant from the State of Washington's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), to reimburse the expenses incurred for this project up to \$1,192,500 upon completion of the project; and,

WHEREAS, the County will establish the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court project based budget to account for project revenues and expenditures with an estimated project cost of \$1,199,500; and,

WHEREAS, the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court project based budget does not have adequate cash to support this project; and,

WHEREAS, the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court project based budget will have sufficient cash to repay the loan after being reimbursed for eligible project expenditures from the COAF RCO grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Improvement Fund (3242) was developed for the use of rural sales tax to stimulate economic growth in rural counties; and,


WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Improvement Fund has sufficient cash reserves to provide a loan; and,

PROPOSED BY: Executive
INTRODUCTION DATE: 03/11/25

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that a loan shall be made from the Public Utilities Improvement fund to the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court project budget, in the amount of \$1,199,500. No interest shall be charged on the loan. The loan shall be repaid by the project budget in full, no more than two years after the loan has been made.

ADOPTED this 25th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST


Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email/G Roche/A Tan
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Kaylee Galloway, Chair of the Council

☒ Approved () Denied


Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 3/31/25