

# Supplemental Budget Request

## Administrative Services

## Facilities Management

Suppl ID # 5000

Fund 3502

Cost Center

35021000

Originator: Rob Ney

Year 1 2025

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Priority 1

Name of Request: Additional Budget Authority - New Justice Fac.

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Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4313.1500	Special purpose tax	(\$7,596,000)
	4337.1001	City of Bellingham	(\$2,574,000)
	4337.1003	City of Blaine	(\$169,000)
	4337.1004	City of Everson	(\$84,000)
	4337.1005	City of Ferndale	(\$438,000)
	4337.1006	City of Lynden	(\$443,000)
	4337.1007	City of Nooksack	(\$42,000)
	4337.1008	City of Sumas	(\$49,000)
	6190	Direct billing rate	\$200,000
	6630	Professional services	\$3,800,000
	8597.C.35151000	Transfers out	\$1,022,244
	<b>Request Total</b>		<b>(\$6,372,756)</b>

### 1a. Description of request:

The purpose of this supplemental is threefold;

- 1.) Budgets 2025 projected revenue for the public health, safety and justice tax
- 2.) Adds \$4M in expenditure authority for pre-construction services
- 3.) Transfers \$1,022,244 of initial county general fund seed funding for the jail project to the capital reserve fund (as allowed per Interlocal Agreement #202404018 on the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility financing).

This request is for additional \$4,000,000 in budget authority for continued advancement of the Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility project. The source of these funds is the criminal justice 2/10th sales tax passed in 2023.

In February of this year, staff requested the first distribution of the sales tax funds. Council approved AB2025-162 ordinance 2025-009, authorizing \$1,000,000 in budget authority within the project-based budget. At that time it was outlined that the initial funds would be used to cover critical consultant contracts (such as the STV Owners Representative contract), wetland mitigation consulting, geotechnical engineering, and traffic analysis. It was also indicated that there could also may be additional consultants needed in this initial phase that are not listed.

This next phase of funding will be used for continued effort with the Owners Representative, and the Validation and Pre-Construction Programing Phases of the construction design (fees from the Design Builder, expected to be under contract this summer). The validation process is a crucial stage focused on aligning all stakeholders (owner, design-builder, and potentially others) on the project's scope (what we desire to build), the project schedule, and resulting budget before moving into detailed design and construction. The preconstruction programing phase will further refine the design alternatives resulting in

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the construction cost of each proposed design alternative. .

Additionally, when the County began collecting sales tax revenue for the Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility project, there was an existing fund balance of \$1,022,244 remaining from the 2014/2015 Jail initiative effort. The original source of these funds was the General Fund. Staff would like to separate these funds from the Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility project, and place them into the Capital Reserve Fund to be distributed at a later date for a yet to be defined project.

Companion to this supplemental is SBR 5002.

**1b. Primary customers:**

All Departments and Citizens that have a vested interest in the Justice Project.

**2. Problem to be solved:**

The existing jail needs to be replaced and funding is necessary to complete the Public Health, Safety and Justice Facility project.

**3a. Options / Advantages:**

Periodic distributions of funding is required to complete this project in a timely manner.

This is a very well thought out, planned and stepwise approach to completing the overall planning effort for the Justice Facility.

**3b. Cost savings:**

There is no cost savings option other than not performing the work at this time.

**4a. Outcomes:**

It is estimated that the Justice Facility will be operational in late 2028.

**4b. Measures:**

When the facility is delivered and occupied in late 2028.

Successful completion of the project, on time and on budget.

**5a. Other Departments/Agencies:**

This project will have no impact to other staff other than minor inconveniences during construction.

NA.

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

Rob Ney

**6. Funding Source:**

New County Public Safety Sales Tax and Partner Contributions (Cities), Agreement 202404018.