

WHATCOM COUNTY					
Summary of the 2026 Supplemental Budget Ordinance No. 1 Executive Requested Changes					
SBR #	Department/Fund	Description	Increased (Decreased) Expenditure	(Increased) Decreased Revenue	Net Effect to 2026 Projected Ending Fund Balance (Increase) Decrease

General Fund 1000					
5308	Non Departmental	To reduce revenues for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) grant in the 2026 budget. The administration has elected to recognize the revenue for this grant in 2025 instead of 2026. This budget adjustment is administratively driven.	-	2,706,868	2,706,868
5310	Treasurer	To reduce revenues for investment/interest earnings in the 2026 budget.	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
			-	4,206,868	4,206,868

Emergency Medical Services Fund 1240					
5309	Non Departmetal	To fund costs related to the paramedic school cohort and lateral paramedics for our partner agencies Bellingham Fire District, and Fire District 7 (Ferndale).	320,000	-	320,000
Total Emergency Medical Services Fund 1240			320,000	-	320,000

Convention Center Fund 1244					
5291	Non Departmetal	To fund lodging sales tax contribution to the Birch Bay Beach Park project budget pursuant to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) action. Companion to supplemental 5287 and supplemental 5288. This was not included in the Mid-biennium Review (MBR) supplemental budget requests (SBR) presented on October 21st. The recommendations from the Whatcom County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) were not available with enough time to include in the original transmittal.	1,800,000	-	1,800,000
Total Convention Center Fund 1244			1,800,000	-	1,800,000

Jail Fund 1350					
5105	Sheriff	To fund the cost of healthcare services in the Jail beginning in 2026 due to the selection of a new contracted healthcare provider. Companion supplementals include 5215 and 5217. This request was originally included in the Executive's proposed MBR budget adjustments but needs to corrected to reflect the full proposed contract amount (this correction increases the total amount requested in this SBR by \$80,000 compared to the October 21 MBR transmittal).	4,234,358	(600,000)	3,634,358
Total Jail Fund 1350			4,234,358	(600,000)	3,634,358

Parks Special Revenue Fund 1800					
5288	Parks	To fund Parks Special Revenue fund contribution to the Birch Bay Beach Park project budget. Companion to supplemental 5287 and 5291.	971,675	-	971,675
Total Parks Special Revenue Fund 1800			971,675	-	971,675

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Road Fund 1900					
5298	Public Works	To fund the Road Fund contribution to the Ferry for a need's based evaluation. Companion to supplemental 5298. This was inadvertently left out of the October 21 MBR transmittal.	1,350	-	1,350
Total Road Fund 1900			1,350	-	1,350
Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) Fund II 3240					
5295	Non Departmental	To fund REET II contribution for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Lora Lane Project. The Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program (AB2025-676) includes \$600,000 of REET funding in 2026 for this project; \$200,000 was budget previously. This SBR provides the additional \$400,000 that was not included in the October 21 MBR transmittal.	400,000	-	400,000
Total Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) Fund II 3240			400,000	-	400,000
Capital Facilities Reserve Fund 3515					
5294	Non Departmental	To fund transfer from the Capital Facilities Reserve fund to the Administrative Services fund for the first year of lease payments for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office space. Companion to supplemental request 5293. This was not included in the MBR budget adjustments presented on October 21st due to timing of reaching a tentative agreement for the lease. If the Council approves the lease (AB2025-782) this SBR would cover the first year of the lease plus operating and maintenance costs.	750,000	-	750,000
Total Capital Facilities Reserve Fund 3515			750,000	-	750,000
Ferry Fund 4900					
5297	Public Works	To fund Ferry need's based evaluation services. Companion to supplemental 5298. This was inadvertently left out of the October 21 MBR transmittal.	3,000	(1,350)	1,650
Total Ferry Fund 4900			3,000	(1,350)	1,650
Administrative Services Fund 5500					
5293	AS Facilities	To fund the first year of lease payments for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office space through a transfer from the Capital Facilities Reserve Fund. Companion to supplemental 5294.	750,000	(750,000)	-
Total Administrative Services Fund 5500			750,000	(750,000)	-

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Amend Attachment C to the Mid-biennium Review Budget Ordinaance					
n/a	Public Works	This action is budget neutral and will not require a budget supplemental. This proposal is to add an additional FTE to Public Works and therefore effecting AB2025-707 Ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, Request no. 1 ordinance language and Exhibit C - Position Control. The proposed budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone Resolution AB2025-711 includes funding to convert an existing full-time (FT) temp with benefits position into a permanent FTE but the change to position control was inadvertantly left out of the October 21 MBR transmittal.	-	-	-
			-	-	-
Grand Total			9,230,383	2,855,518	12,085,901

Presented to Council on November 15, 2025 Council meting
Presented to Council on November 18, 2025 Council meting

Supplemental Budget Request

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 5308

Fund 1000

Cost Center 10004008

Originator: Andrew Tan

Year 2 2026

Add'l FTE ☐

Priority 1

Name of Request: Reduction in LATCF 2026 Revenues

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4331.2103	DT-LATCF grant	\$2,706,868
	Request Total		\$2,706,868

1a. Description of request:

During the 2025-2026 biennium, the administration budgeted for Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) revenues in the amount that was awarded to the County: \$2.7m. Due to availability of eligible expenses in 2025, the administration has elected to recognize the revenue in 2025 rather than in 2026. This is in alignment with grant requirements and presents many administrative advantages. The revenue has been recognized against eligible expenses in 2025 and will reside within the general fund fund balance into 2026. This change is purely administrative in nature and will not effect the amount of funds recognized or available with respect to the 2025-2026 biennium. As we have recognized the revenue in 2025 instead of 2026, we are putting forward this supplemental to reduce revenues in the 2026 budget.

1b. Primary customers:

Whatcom County residents.

2. Problem to be solved:

The County needs to spend the LATCF award within the designated grant period.

3a. Options / Advantages:

The options are to spend the funding on eligible expenses in 2025 or 2026. Due to many administrative advantages, we have elected to expend the funds on eligible expenses in 2025.

3b. Cost savings:

There are none.

4a. Outcomes:

We will spend grant funds on eligible expenses in the general fund.

4b. Measures:

Funds will be spent in the general fund.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office has coordinated with the Executive to identify eligible costs. Whatcom County Finance has provided technical help with grant administration.

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

Aly Pennucci, Deputy Executive
Randy Rydel, Finance Director
Steve Harris, Undersheriff

6. Funding Source:

General Fund 1000.

Supplemental Budget Request

Treasurer

Suppl ID # 5310

Fund 1000

Cost Center 10003000

Originator: Randy Rydel

Year 2 2026

Add'l FTE ☐

Priority 1

Name of Request: Adjustment to General Fund Interest Earnings 2026

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	4361.1000	Investment earnings	\$1,500,000
	Request Total		\$1,500,000

1a. Description of request:

During the biennial budget process, investment/interest earnings for the General Fund were projected at \$10.1M for 2026. As part of the mid-biennium review, the Administration (Finance in conjunction with the Executive's Office) has reevaluated these assumptions based on current economic conditions, operational realities, and technical accounting requirements. This analysis indicates that a downward adjustment of \$1.5 million is necessary to align budgeted revenues with anticipated actual earnings, resulting in revised General Fund investment earnings of \$8.6 million for 2026.

The adjustment reflects a combination of factors, including changes in the Federal Reserve's interest rate trajectory and market conditions, revised fund balance projections, delays in implementing enhanced investment strategies due to staffing issues, and technical corrections to properly allocate investment earnings to the funds that legally generated them, in accordance with accounting standards.

This revenue adjustment ensures the 2026 budget reflects realistic and achievable interest earnings projections, supporting sound fiscal planning and preventing potential budget shortfalls.

1b. Primary customers:

County Council, Executive's Office, and all General Fund departments relying on accurate revenue projections for budget planning and decision-making. Accurate revenue forecasting supports fiscal stability across all County operations funded by the General Fund.

2. Problem to be solved:

The current budgeted investment earnings of \$10.1M overstate anticipated 2026 revenues by \$1.5M due to changed economic conditions, unfilled positions, and technical accounting corrections. Maintaining inflated revenue projections creates risk of budget shortfalls, undermines fiscal planning accuracy, and could necessitate mid-year spending restrictions or emergency budget actions. This adjustment proactively corrects the revenue budget to match realistic expectations.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Option 1 - Make the adjustment now (Recommended): Revise 2026 revenues during mid-biennium review to reflect current projections. This provides departments and Council with accurate fiscal information for 2026 planning decisions, allows time to adjust spending plans if needed, and demonstrates transparent financial management.

Option 2 - Defer adjustment: Maintain current budget and address shortfall during 2026 if it materializes. This approach risks mid-year budget crisis, requires emergency spending restrictions, and provides less time for departments to adapt to reduced revenue availability.

Option 3 - Partial adjustment: Reduce only the most certain components (interfund allocation). This leaves significant overstatement in place and delays inevitable corrections.

Supplemental Budget Request

Treasurer

Suppl ID # 5310

Fund 1000

Cost Center 10003000

Originator: Randy Rydel

3b. Cost savings:

There are no cost savings associated with this request.

4a. Outcomes:

- Accurate and defensible revenue projections aligned with economic reality
- Transparent presentation of fiscal assumptions to Council and public
- Reduced risk of mid-year budget shortfalls requiring emergency action
- Foundation for sound fiscal decision-making throughout 2026

4b. Measures:

- Monthly monitoring of actual investment earnings vs. revised \$8.6M projection
- Quarterly variance analysis reported to Council as part of financial updates
- Comparison of projected vs. actual yields on investment portfolio
- Year-end reconciliation of actual 2026 earnings against adjusted budget
- Assessment of forecast accuracy to inform future biennial projections

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

County Treasurer (investment management and earnings calculation), Executive's Office (budget policy and fiscal planning), all General Fund departments (impacted by revenue availability for County operations)

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

Randy Rydel, Finance Director - Responsible for processing the budget amendment, coordinating with Treasurer on investment earnings monitoring, updating financial forecast models, reporting quarterly revenue performance to Council, ensuring proper interfund allocation of investment earnings in accordance with accounting standards, and incorporating revised assumptions into future budget development processes.

6. Funding Source:

No expenditure appropriation is required. The adjustment affects the availability of General Fund (1000) revenue but does not directly impact any specific funding source, as investment earnings are general revenues that support overall County operations.

Supplemental Budget Request

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 5309 Fund 1240 Cost Center 12401001 Originator: Deborah Arthur

Year 2 2026

Add'l FTE ☐

Priority 1

Name of Request: EMS School Cohort Costs

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	7210	Intergovernmental professional	\$320,000
	Request Total		\$320,000

1a. Description of request:

This request is for an additional \$320,000 in FY2026 to fully fund the operational costs of the Whatcom County Paramedic Training Program, including the Paramedic School base budget, annual paramedic student training, and lateral paramedic hiring agreements with the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County Fire District 7 (WCFD7).

The cost structure of the Paramedic Training Program includes two components:

- A fixed administrative cost for operating the Paramedic School; and
- A variable cost that fluctuates based on the number of enrolled paramedic students and lateral paramedic positions.

Historically, the variable-cost portion of paramedic training and ILA obligations has exceeded annual adopted budgets. In past years, WCEMS has covered these overages either through supplemental budget requests or by absorbing the additional costs through underspent line items. The variability in annual student counts and lateral hires continues to make this approach necessary.

In FY2025, the total contracted cost for Paramedic School operations, including fixed administrative costs, student paramedic training, and lateral paramedic hiring, was \$1,822,566, compared to an adopted FY2025 budget of \$1,502,350, with the difference absorbed by underspent EMS expenditures. For FY2026, the total contracted cost for the same services is \$1,807,088, while the currently approved FY2026 budget is \$1,212,174, resulting in a projected shortfall of \$594,914. The WCEMS expects to recover \$285,517 from unused FY2025 ALS allocations, reducing, but not eliminating, this deficit.

Given ongoing fluctuations in variable training costs, staffing adjustments, and the need to maintain a six-student cohort (four Bellingham students and two WCFD7 students), the EMS program is requesting a supplemental allocation of \$320,000 in FY2026.

This supplemental ensures continuity of ALS workforce development, supports EMS Levy commitments, and maintains adequate training capacity.

1b. Primary customers:

Primary customers include:

- Paramedic students enrolled through the City of Bellingham and WCFD7
- Advanced Life Support (ALS) partner agencies that rely on a stable paramedic training pipeline
- Whatcom County residents who depend on high-quality, timely ALS response
- The Whatcom County EMS system, which benefits from standardized, high-quality paramedic education

2. Problem to be solved:

The adopted FY2026 budget does not provide sufficient funds to operate the Paramedic School and meet training and lateral hiring needs at levels consistent with FY2025. The cost of the Paramedic Training

Supplemental Budget Request

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 5309	Fund 1240	Cost Center 12401001	Originator: Deborah Arthur
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Program has increased due to:

- Higher instructional and administrative workload
 - Required administrative support
 - Inflationary labor and benefit increases
 - Greater equipment, materials, and simulation costs
 - Student cohort of six students in both FY2025 and FY2026 training cycles
- Without supplemental funding, the County cannot maintain the ALS staffing pipeline described in the EMS Levy Plan, which would negatively impact ALS readiness and response capacity and increase overtime expenses.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Option 1: Approve the supplemental request. Advantages include:

- Ensures the continued operation of the Paramedic School at the required capacity
- Supports levy-mandated ALS training commitments
- Prevents gaps in the ALS staffing pipeline
- Reduces long-term recruitment and vacancy costs (overtime)
- Maintains training stability for Bellingham Fire and WCFD7

Option 2: Reduce the training cohort size, which is not recommended with the short timeframe, as it would jeopardize future paramedic staffing levels.

3b. Cost savings:

Investing in local training reduces long-term recruitment costs, minimizes overtime related to staffing shortages, and prevents higher future costs associated with delayed training cycles. Application of \$285,517 in recaptured FY2025 ALS allocations partially offsets FY2026 shortages, thereby reducing the County's cost exposure.

4a. Outcomes:

- A full six-student paramedic cohort in FY2026 (four BFD, two WCFD7)
- Stable ALS staffing across Whatcom County
- Adequate instructional and administrative resources for training
- Continued compliance with EMS Levy Plan commitments

4b. Measures:

Success will be evaluated through:

- Number of paramedic students enrolled and certified
- Completion of lateral onboarding requirements
- Contract performance metrics from BFD and WCFD7
- Annual budget-to-actual tracking for Paramedic School operations
- Student performance and certification exam results

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

This request impacts:

- Bellingham Fire Department
- Whatcom County Fire District 7

Both agencies rely on the Paramedic School to maintain ALS staffing levels consistent with their contractual obligations.

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

- Bellingham Fire Department (Training Division): Oversees instructional delivery, clinical placements, and program administration.
- WCFD7: Provides instructional support and facilitates student placement and evaluation.

Both agencies provide training services under existing Interlocal Agreements and variable-cost contracts.

6. Funding Source:

Whatcom County EMS Levy Fund 1240.

Supplemental Budget Request

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 5291

Fund 1244

Cost Center 12441000

Originator: Andrew Tan

Year 2 2026

Add'l FTE ☐

Priority 1

Name of Request: LTAC Contribution for Birch Bay Beach Park Comp.

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	8597	Transfers out	\$1,800,000
	Request Total		\$1,800,000

1a. Description of request:

This request is a companion to supplementals 5287 and 5288 to fund the Birch Bay Beach Park project Phase I.

1b. Primary customers:

Whatcom County Residents.

2. Problem to be solved:

See supplemental 5287.

3a. Options / Advantages:

See supplemental 5287.

3b. Cost savings:

See supplemental 5287.

4a. Outcomes:

See supplemental 5287.

4b. Measures:

See supplemental 5287.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

See supplemental 5287.

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

See supplemental 5287.

6. Funding Source:

Whatcom County Convention Center Fund 1244 (Lodging Tax).

Supplemental Budget Request

Jail

Suppl ID # 5105

Fund 1350

Cost Center 13501012

Originator: Caleb Erickson

Year 2 2026

Add'l FTE ☐

Priority 1

Name of Request: Jail Healthcare Services

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	6635	Health care services	\$4,234,358
	8397.C.18538506	Transfers in	(\$600,000)
	Request Total		\$3,634,358

1a. Description of request:

This request is for an increase in funding for jail healthcare services beginning in 2026. The increase will cover the gap between the 2026 adopted budget allocation and the cost of a new comprehensive contract with a single vendor. The new vendor will provide all medical, behavioral health, dental, and substance use services in the jail, with the exception of emergencies and hospital-level care.

The cost differential reflects, among other things, an increase to the Average Daily Population (ADP) from 275 to 300, the addition of 24/7 nursing coverage, access to a comprehensive electronic medical records system, rapid response pharmaceutical services, and enhanced oversight. The contract maintains a higher level of behavioral health services than what is statutorily required.

The County anticipates potential cost savings in other areas affected by this increase in services. For example, with 24/7 care, costs for emergency room visits will decline, and with in-house imaging services, costs associated with transport to offsite imaging will be reduced. In addition, the integration of medical, behavioral health, dental, and substance use treatment into a single vendor contract is expected to improve coordination of care, reduce duplication of services, and streamline administrative oversight. These improvements support both operational efficiency and better health outcomes for individuals in custody, which in turn can help mitigate liability risks and contribute to safer jail operations.

SEE ALSO: Companion Suppl. 5215 and 5217 that are facilitating the increased transfer from the GF to the Jail Fund.

1b. Primary customers:

Primary customers are adults in custody at the Whatcom County Jail and Work Center.

2. Problem to be solved:

The current nursing vendor, Northwest Regional Council, has formally notified the County of their intent to discontinue services at the end of 2025. This makes a change unavoidable and requires the County to have a new provider in place for 2026.

At present, corrections deputies are responsible for passing medications at the Work Center, and sergeants are placed in the position of making medical decisions during overnight hours. These practices represent significant risk to the County and highlight the need for medical coverage. The selected proposer will provide 24-hour nursing staff in the jail and assume responsibility for medication administration to all incarcerated individuals.

In 2024, the County contracted with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating jail healthcare services under one vendor. NCCHC recommended

Supplemental Budget Request

Jail

Suppl ID # 5105 Fund 1350 Cost Center 13501012 Originator: Caleb Erickson

proceeding with a request for proposals, which led to the intent to award a contract for comprehensive services. The new contract would replace approximately ten separate agreements with one comprehensive provider, creating a single accountable point for service delivery and reducing administrative burden.

The 2026 adopted Sheriff's Office budget provides \$3,265,642 for jail healthcare services that can be applied to the new contract. The proposed vendor contract totals \$7,500,000, leaving a shortfall in spending authority of \$4,134,358 (after accounting for \$80,000 of expenses that will be budgeted in the Juvenile Detention 2026 budget). Without supplemental funding, the Sheriff's Office budget will not be sufficient to implement the new contract.

Jail health services are primarily funded by General Fund revenues transferred annually into the Jail Fund, with some costs covered by per diem (bed) rates charged to other jurisdictions, such as cities and tribal police agencies (about \$240,000 annually), and the Behavioral Health Fund (projected at \$600,000 for 2026). Of the \$4.2 million in increased budget authority requested in the SBR for the Sheriff's Office 2026 budget, \$600,000 will be funded by a transfer from the Behavioral Health Fund (this is the amount of BHF resources already budgeted in 2026 for behavioral health services in the jail). The remainder will be funded by increasing the subsidy from the General Fund.

3a. Options / Advantages:

Maintain current funding.

This would result in underfunded services and gaps in coverage.

This would interrupt service delivery.

Fully funding the new contract in 2026 is the best option as we know that some change is due. This ensures a single accountable provider and full-service delivery beginning in 2026.

3b. Cost savings:

There are no anticipated cost savings.

4a. Outcomes:

The comprehensive healthcare contract will be fully implemented in 2026. Within the first 90 days, staffing levels are expected to stabilize and consistent coverage will be established. The contract will ensure the County continues to meet access-to-care benchmarks for intake screening, sick call, chronic care, and medication administration. With overnight nursing in place, the jail will reduce reliance on emergency room visits and hospital transports. The contract also covers access to behavioral health and medications for opioid use disorder, while maintaining compliance with NCCHC standards.

4b. Measures:

Success will be measured by continued compliance with intake and sick call timeframes, consistent and accurate medication administration, and continuity of MOUD services. Additional measures include reductions in overnight medical incidents requiring hospital transport, stable staffing coverage, positive audit findings, NCCHC survey results, and fewer healthcare-related grievances.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

The Sheriff's Office will share the healthcare vendor with Juvenile Detention, and portions of jail behavioral health services are currently managed under contract with Health and Community Services. Transitioning to a single comprehensive provider will directly impact both of these partners, as their services will be consolidated into new agreements. Prosecutor's Office will be impacted through liability management.

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

Stephanie Kraft, Juvenile and Superior Court Administrator is responsible for the Juvenile Detention Contract and Kelsey Peronto with Health and Community Services currently oversees the Behavioral Health contract.

6. Funding Source:

Jail Sales Tax, Behavioral Health Fund and General Fund. See companion supplemental 5250.

Supplemental Budget Request

Parks & Recreation

Suppl ID # 5288 Fund 1800 Cost Center 18001000 Originator: Shannon Batdorf

Year 2 2026

Add'l FTE ☐

Priority 1

Name of Request: Birch Bay Beach Park Development Companion

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	8597	Transfers out	\$971,675
	Request Total		\$971,675

1a. Description of request:

This request is a companion to supplemental #5287 - Birch Bay Beach Park Development and supplemental 5291. This creates the offsetting operational transfer out of the Parks Special Revenue Fund to be transferred into a project budget for the development of Birch Bay Beach Park.

1b. Primary customers:

See supplemental 5287.

2. Problem to be solved:

See supplemental 5287.

3a. Options / Advantages:

See supplemental 5287.

3b. Cost savings:

See supplemental 5287.

4a. Outcomes:

See supplemental 5287.

4b. Measures:

See supplemental 5287.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

See supplemental 5287.

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

See supplemental 5287.

6. Funding Source:

Parks Special Revenue Fund 1800. Funds are available and have been restricted to this purpose in the Parks Special Revenue Fund.

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

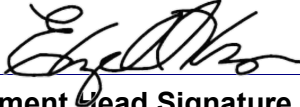
Administration

Suppl ID # 5298 Fund 1900 Cost Center 19008011 Originator: J. Green

Expenditure Type: Ongoing Year 2 2026 Add'l FTE ☐ Add'l Space ☐ Priority 1

Name of Request: Companion to SBR 5297- Ferry NB Services

X



Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	8597 .C.49001000	Transfers out	\$1,350
	Request Total		\$1,350

1a. Description of request:

This is a companion supplemental budget to 5297-Ferry Needs-Based Services, which provides the Road Funds required 45% based on WCC 10.34.005 (F).

1b. Primary customers:

2. Problem to be solved:

3a. Options / Advantages:

3b. Cost savings:

4a. Outcomes:

4b. Measures:

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

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

6. Funding Source:

The Road Fund

Supplemental Budget Request

Administrative Services

Administration

Suppl ID # 5295

Fund 3240

Cost Center 32402401

Originator: Andrew Tan

Year 2 2026

Add'l FTE ☐

Priority 1

Name of Request: REET II Contribution for Flood Lora Lane Project

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	8597.C.19141905	Transfers out	\$400,000
	Request Total		\$400,000

1a. Description of request:

This supplemental request will provide a transfer from REET II to fund the flood Lora Lane Project. The transfer in is already included in the flood proposed 2026 budget: AB2025-709.

1b. Primary customers:

See flood budget AB2025-709.

2. Problem to be solved:

See flood budget AB2025-709.

3a. Options / Advantages:

See flood budget AB2025-709.

3b. Cost savings:

See flood budget AB2025-709.

4a. Outcomes:

See flood budget AB2025-709.

4b. Measures:

See flood budget AB2025-709.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

See flood budget AB2025-709.

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

See flood budget AB2025-709.

6. Funding Source:

Real Estate Excise Tax II fund.

Supplemental Budget Request

Non-Departmental

Suppl ID # 5294

Fund 3515

Cost Center 35151000

Originator: Andrew Tan

Year 2 2026

Add'l FTE ☐

Priority 1

Name of Request: Capital Facilities Reserve Fd - Sheriff Lease Comp

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	8597.C.5500	Transfers out	\$750,000
	Request Total		\$750,000

1a. Description of request:

This companion will fund the first year of lease payment for the new Whatcom County Sheriff's Office space. This is a companion supplemental request to supplemental 5293.

1b. Primary customers:

See supplemental 5293.

2. Problem to be solved:

See supplemental 5293.

3a. Options / Advantages:

See supplemental 5293.

3b. Cost savings:

See supplemental 5293.

4a. Outcomes:

See supplemental 5293.

4b. Measures:

See supplemental 5293.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

See supplemental 5293.

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

See supplemental 5293.

6. Funding Source:

Capital Facilities Reserve Fund 3515.

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works

Ferry & Docks

Suppl ID # 5297

Fund 4900 Cost Center 49001000 Originator: Chantelle Russell

Expenditure Type: Ongoing

Year 2 2026

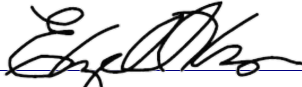
Add'l FTE ☐

Add'l Space ☐

Priority 1

Name of Request: Ferry Need-based evaluation services

X



Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	6630	Professional services	\$3,000
	8397.C.49001000	Transfers in	(\$1,350)
	Request Total		\$1,650

1a. Description of request:

The purposed of this request is increase the budget for the Needs Based evaluation services LOA with the Opportunity Council for FY2026.

1b. Primary customers:

Lummi Islands residents who meet the HUD very-low income limits.

2. Problem to be solved:

The Whatcom County Ferry currently has needs-based punchcards for Lummi Island residents who meet the very-low income limits set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These screening services are provided at no cost through an annual letter of agreement with the Opportunity Council, who has the resources to provide these services through their existing network far cheaper than absorbing the service internally.

After the most recent rate increase on 8/23/2025, there has been a significant increase in the use of those evaluation services by the Lummi Island residents. The existing 2026 budget of \$5,000 is insufficient to address the growing need.

3a. Options / Advantages:

If this service isn't fully funded, the burden will be placed on the low income Lummi Island residents to pay for those screening services to qualify for needs-based punch cards.

This option is the most cost effective solution to meet the needs of this specific population of the Lummi Island community.

3b. Cost savings:

There is no cost savings

4a. Outcomes:

4b. Measures:

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

N/A

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

N/A

6. Funding Source:

Supplemental Budget Request

Public Works**Ferry & Docks**

Suppl ID # 5297

Fund 4900 **Cost Center** 49001000 **Originator:** Chantelle Russell

Per WCC 10.34.005 (F), this cost is included as total operating expenses (TOE), so 55% is covered by the fare-box and 45% is covered by local county funds, which in this case is the Road Fund.

Supplemental Budget Request

Administrative Services

Facilities Management

Suppl ID # 5293

Fund 5500

Cost Center

Originator: Andrew Tan

Year 2 2026

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Priority 1

Name of Request: Sheriff's Office Lease Payments

X

Department Head Signature (Required on Hard Copy Submission)

Date

Costs:	Object	Object Description	Amount Requested
	6870	Space rental	\$750,000
	8397.C.35151000	Transfers in	(\$750,000)
	Request Total		\$0

1a. Description of request:

Whatcom County is expected to engage in a lease to provide space for the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office. The lease terms indicate that payment of the lease will begin in 2026. This request will allow for AS Facilities to manage the lease on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. The request will be funded through a transfer from the Capital Facilities Reserve Fund in 2026 see companion supplemental 5294.

1b. Primary customers:

Whatcom County residents.

2. Problem to be solved:

The Sheriff's Office currently operates from the basement of the County Jail, a space that was never intended to be a permanent location for the Sheriff's Office. This space has maintenance challenges, limits operational efficiency, and fails to meet modern law enforcement facility standards as the department has grown. A new space is a critical need for the safety and healthy operations of our Sheriff's office. Renting this space provides our Sheriff employees a safe and reliable place to work today, while preserving options for the future.

3a. Options / Advantages:

This recommendation was not made easily after weighting the pros and cons of owning versus leasing. While owning a building – either by purchasing an existing building or constructing new - typically offers better long-term value than leasing through asset ownership and cost stability, leasing is the most viable option at this time given:

- Current budget constraints
- Lack of suitable properties for purchase at reasonable prices
- Multiple competing capital projects
- Need for immediate space solutions

Leasing can provide flexibility to address the immediate need while the County continues to evaluate long-term County facility options and manages its capital project pipeline. This location would address a critical need for the safety and healthy operations of our Sheriff's office and is in a location, just off of Guide Meridian, that is essential for response times. Given that construction of a purpose-built facility would be 2-3 years away minimum, and draw resources away from the Justice Center project and other critical needs, leasing this building is the best option available at this time.

3b. Cost savings:

None.

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Fund 5500**Cost Center****Originator:** Andrew Tan

4a. Outcomes:

The Sheriff's Office will have a space that is adequate for their needs. The proposed lease will start November 1 of 2025 (first payment due January of 2026).

4b. Measures:

The Sheriff's Office will operate out of the new space.

5a. Other Departments/Agencies:

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office.

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

Steve Harris, Undersheriff

6. Funding Source:

Capital Facilities Reserve Fund 3515. See companion supplemental 5293.