



RE: Inquiry on Lower Columbia College follow-up

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Hello Mr. Martin,
Good to talk with you this afternoon.

If the funding was rescinded for the “City of Everett: New Stadium,” then the \$7.4 million appropriation in Sec. 7031 would remain in the Youth Athletic Facility Account.

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Dear Jen Masterson,

Thank you very much for your very timely reply.

I appreciate your insights.

Regarding the second item on the Department of Commerce list:

12 Sec. 7031. 2024 c 375 s 1035 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows: 13

14 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

15 Public Facility Improvement Fund (92001367)

23 City of Everett: New Stadium. \$7,400,000

More specifically;

"City of Everett: Old Name: Everett School District: Everett Memorial Stadium New Stadium (New name approved in ESSB 5949, Section 1035)

Awarded \$7,400,000

Funds have been awarded; contract has not been executed" ** as of 08/15/2025. **Department of Commerce

I believe the "City of Everett: New Stadium" project would be handled differently than the "Lower Columbia College: David Story Field" project if it were rescinded because the "City of Everett: New Stadium" project comes out a different account - to the best of my knowledge - the stadium and exhibition center account.

That account is governed by RCW 43.99N.060:

RCW 43.99N.060 (3) indicates: "After bonds are issued under RCW 43.99N.020, all moneys in the stadium and exhibition center account shall be used exclusively for the following purposes in the following priority:

(a) On or before June 30th of each year, the office of financial management shall accumulate in the stadium and exhibition center account an amount at least equal to the amount required in the next succeeding twelve months for the payment of principal of and interest on the bonds issued under RCW 43.99N.020;

(b) An additional reserve amount not in excess of the expected average annual principal and interest requirements of bonds issued under RCW 43.99N.020 shall be accumulated and maintained in the account, subject to withdrawal by the state treasurer at any time if necessary to meet the requirements of (a) of this subsection, and, following any withdrawal, reaccumulated from the first tax revenues and other amounts deposited in the account after meeting the requirements of (a) of this subsection; and

(c) The balance, if any, shall be transferred to the youth athletic facility account under subsection (4) of this section."

RCW 43.99N.060 (4) indicates: "Any moneys in the stadium and exhibition center account not required or permitted to be used for the purposes described in subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section shall be deposited in the youth athletic facility account hereby created in the state treasury."

RCW 43.99N.060 (4) clearly indicates: "Only the director of the recreation and conservation office or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account."

RCW 43.99N.060 (5) also indicates:

(b) During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the legislature may also appropriate moneys in the youth athletic facility account for the following:

- (i) To the department of commerce for the public facility improvement fund as provided in section 1038, chapter 474, Laws of 2023; and
- (ii) To the recreation and conservation office for the purpose of the youth athletic facilities program as provided in section 3060, chapter 474, Laws of 2023.

Simply asked, if the "City of Everett New Stadium" project is rescinded, who gets the money?

Can the money be used by the recreation and conservation office?

If RCW 43.99N.060 (3) is met, is the money returned to the youth athletic facility account?

As noted in RCW 43.99N.060 (5) (b) (ii), can the money be appropriated to the recreation and conservation office for the purpose of Youth Athletic Facility programs?

You're insights on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you very much for your very timely reply.

Best Regards,

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Hello Mr. Martin,
Teri at OFM's reception forwarded me your inquiry.

I can see in the enacted capital budget that the Lower Columbia College: David Story Field project was removed. It doesn't look like any specific project was added in its place, that \$1.3 million would have just gone into the available balance for capital budget expenditures.

This change occurred in the Legislative budgets, so I don't have any additional detail at this time.

Sec. 7031. 2024 c 375 s 1035 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Public Facility Improvement Fund (92001367)

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) ~~(((\$24,000,000)) \$23,862,000 of the youth athletic facility account—state appropriation ((and \$1,162,000 of the state building construction account state appropriation)) in this section ((are)) is~~ provided solely for the following list of projects:

Bellingham: Joe Martin Stadium.	\$700,000
City of Everett: New Stadium.	\$7,400,000
(Lower Columbia College: David Story Field. \$1,300,000)	
Lower Columbia College: Softball Facilities.	\$700,000
Pasco: Gesa Stadium.	\$3,000,000
Port Angeles: Civic Field.	\$600,000
Ridgefield: Ridgefield Outdoor Recreational Complex. . .	\$450,000
Spokane County: Avista Stadium.	\$5,800,000
Tacoma: Cheney Stadium.	\$3,000,000
Walla Walla: Borleske Stadium.	\$525,000
Wenatchee Valley College: Paul Thomas Sr. Field.	\$700,000
Wenatchee Valley College: Softball Facilities.	\$462,000
Yakima County: Yakima County Stadium.	\$525,000

(2) The funding appropriated under this section must be combined with local funds.

Hopefully this answers your question. Feel free to e-mail me back if not.
Thanks,
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