



RE: Public Facilities Improvement Fund stadiums

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John, it was good speaking with you, and I believe I understand what you are looking for.

There is no funding name “Minor League Baseball Publicly Owned Stadium Improvement Fund.”, but there is a fund named Public Facility Improvement Fund that was appropriated through the youth athletic facility account.

The 2023 Regular Session Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5200, Section 1038 *Public Facility Improvement Fund* appropriated \$24,000,000.00 of the youth athletic facility account – state appropriation for the following list of projects:

1. Bellingham: **Joe Martin Stadium**

- a. Awarded \$700,000
- b. Funds have been awarded; contract is in negotiation but has not been executed

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

- a. Awarded \$7,400,000
- b. Funds have been awarded; contract has not been executed

3. Lower Columbia College: **David Story Field**

- a. Awarded \$1,300,000
 - i. The grant award was rescinded at the request of the grantee

4. Pasco: **Gesa Stadium**

- a. Awarded \$3,000,000
- b. Contract Executed

5. Port Angeles: **Civic Field**

- a. Awarded \$600,000
- b. Contract Executed

6. Ridgefield: **Ridgefield Outdoor Recreational Complex**

- a. Awarded \$450,000
- b. Contract Executed

7. Spokane County: **Avista Stadium**

- a. Awarded \$5,800,000
- b. Contract Executed

8. Tacoma: **Cheney Stadium**

- a. Awarded \$3,000,000

b. Contract Executed

9. Walla Walla: Borleske Stadium

- a. Awarded \$525,000
- b. Funds have been awarded; contract has not been executed

10. Wenatchee Valley College: Paul Thomas Sr Field

- a. Awarded \$700,000
- b. Contract Executed

11. Yakima County: Yakima County Stadium

- a. Awarded \$525,000
- b. Contract Executed

12. Lower Columbia College Softball Facility Improvement

- a. Awarded \$700,000
- b. Contract Executed

13. Wenatchee Valley College Softball Facilities

- a. Awarded \$700,000
- b. Contract Executed

Section 1038 #(2-5) reads:

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

(3) The department may not expend funding for a project in this section unless and until the nonstate share of that project's costs have been either expended or firmly committed, or both, in an amount sufficient to complete the project or a distinct phase of the project. This requirement does not apply to projects where a share of the appropriation is for design costs only.

(4) Prior to receiving funding, grant recipients must demonstrate that the project site is under control for a minimum of 10 years, either through ownership or a long-term lease. This requirement does not apply to grants for preconstruction activities or grants in which the sole purpose is to purchase real property that does not include a construction or renovation component.

(5) In contracts for grants authorized under this section, the department must include provisions that require that capital improvements be held by the grantee for a specified period of time appropriate to the amount of the grant and that facilities be used for the express purpose of the grant. If the department finds the grantee to be out of compliance with provisions of the contract, the grantee shall repay to the state general fund the principal amount of the grant plus interest calculated at the rate of interest on state of Washington general obligation bonds issued most closely to the date of authorization of the grant.

I hope this is what you were looking for. The above information is the information I can provide without a PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUEST FORM, which I have attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Dear Lena Moore,

Thank you very much for your prompt reply and our telephone conversation.

The funding I was inquiring about was called the “Minor League Baseball Publicly Owned Stadium Improvement Fund.”

See attached City of Tacoma pdf file.
FINAL City of Tacoma - Cheney Stadium Improvements HC.pdf

You indicated it is now called the Public Facilities Improvement Fund and you now have programs in both Tacoma and a stadium in Everett.

If you could send information on those two projects and any other stadium projects currently impacted by Public Facilities Improvement Fund it would be greatly appreciated (links with downloads are fine too!).

Thank you again for taking time to speak with me.

Best Regards,

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