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**RE: "But the county is not directly involved in this funding or the project."**

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**From** Dunn, Megan <Megan.Dunn@co.snohomish.wa.us>

**Date** Fri 6/13/2025 2:19 PM

**To** john martin <jmartinnoj@hotmail.com>; Rhyne, Paula <Paula.Rhyne@co.snohomish.wa.us>; Paula Rhyne <prhyne@everettwa.gov>

Hello John,

I can answer your questions to clarify my email.

The county did not have any role or direct involvement in the STATE funding that you had asked a question about in your email below. The county did not advocate for those funds, we did not lobby for them or include them in our legislative priorities and the county did not administer the funds.

There is no money allocated in either 2025 or 2026 for the Everett Stadium in the Snohomish County Budget. What was put in was essentially a placeholder in the CIP for future years, with \$1,250,000 earmarked for 2027, \$1,450,000 for 2028, \$950,000 for 2029, and \$1,350,000 for 2030. So, in 2026 when Council considers the 2027-2028 biennial budget, they would then officially allocate \$2,700,000 for those two years, and in 2028 they would allocate the remaining \$2,300,000 for 2029-2030.

The source of these dollars is REET 1 Funds, Fund 191. And they are restricted to only be used for qualifying projects. More information here: [MRSC - Real Estate Excise Taxes \(REET\)](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**From:** john martin <jmartinnoj@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:26 PM

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**Subject:** "But the county is not directly involved in this funding or the project."



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ATTENTION Paula Rhyne

Paula Rhyne,

It was good speaking with you tonight at the Ice Cream Bar.

The City of Everett staff indicated on June 11, 2025, that Snohomish County would somehow provide \$5 million in funding support for the proposed new Downtown baseball stadium.

I would appreciate it if you could let me know how Snohomish County is involved and what funding sources Snohomish County may use if the new Downtown baseball stadium is approved.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Again, it was good to see and speak with you tonight.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Dunn, Megan <[Megan.Dunn@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:Megan.Dunn@co.snohomish.wa.us)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2025 10:37 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Who tried to take money from the School District?

Hello John,

I can provide some clarifying information, based on my understanding of the project and as a member of the Fiscal Advisory Committee for this project. But the county is not directly involved in this funding or the project.

It's my understanding that there was a budget allocation for several baseball stadiums across the state in the last state budget. As you know, the current stadium is owned by the Everett School District but the study for a new potential stadium was supposed to be funding directed to the City of Everett. What you are seeing is the correction that was made last year to re-allocate the funding to the City for the study. It was an error to direct the funding to the school district as they were not taking the lead on a new stadium study.

I believe Ian Saltzman with the ESD or Rep Cortez would be the best people to confirm that information. They are both copied.

Best,

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**Subject:** Who tried to take money from the School District?

9      City of Everett ((School District: Everett

10      Memorial)): New Stadium. . . . . \$7,400,000

Dear Members of The Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB),

Who tried to take \$7.4 million from the "School District" and give it to the "New Stadium?"

Your reply to this question and/or sending any related information you may have would be greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,

John E. Martin

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Bcc Citizens and various media

Who tried to take money from the School District?

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**From:** john martin <[jmartinnoj@hotmail.com](mailto:jmartinnoj@hotmail.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2025 8:01 AM

Capital Projects Advisory Review Board

Dear Members of The Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB),

I received the following email from the Department of Commerce on Friday, May 9, 2025 10:27 AM.

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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:

...

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"

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The actual ESSB 5949, Section 1035 looks like this:

City of Everett ((School District: Everett Memorial -

The "School District: Everett Memorial is xxx'ed out and in it's place is the New Stadium)):

New Stadium. . . . . \$7,400,000

It appears the New Stadium is taking \$7,400,000 from the School District: Everett Memorial account appropriation and re-assigning it to "New Stadium"

I do not know exactly what the "youth athletic facility account" is for, but it seems a bit of a stretch to use the "youth" account to meet stadium requirements that are contractually demanded by Major League Baseball (MLB), Minor League Baseball (MiLB), and the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA).

p. 75 ESSB 5949.SL continues:

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...

I am guessing the grantee would be the City of Everett.

The "New Stadium" contract is not yet approved.

To the best of my knowledge, it must be approved by you, the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB).

The letter I received from the Department of Commerce concludes:

"The above information is the information I can provide without a PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUEST FORM, which I have attached."

I filed a records request with the Department of Commerce Records Officer by email and the initial reply through their portal was as follows:

"Since we do not maintain these records, we are closing the file on your request."

I contacted the Records Officer by telephone and told him he was in error and later received:

"Please excuse and ignore the first letter that was sent to you. After more research was conducted it appears that the Washington State Department of Commerce is currently involved with this. .... We estimate an initial installment of records responsive to your request will be made available to you on or before 8/13/2025."

I request that the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB) disapprove funding for the "New Stadium" and not allow the contract to be executed.

My question to the CPARB is this:

Are funds originally allocated from the "youth athletic facility account" to "School District: Everett Memorial" inappropriately re-allocated to "New Stadium," a stadium in downtown Everett that meets requirements contractually demanded by MLB, MiLB, and the MLBPA -- not exactly a group of "youth" athletes?

Your consideration of these facts, documents, and re-allocation of funds would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel I can provide you with additional information.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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