



Stop using parks money for a New Professional Sports Stadium, and return it to the Recreation and Conservation Office.

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ProjectSearch_08_29_2025 Everett (1).csv; ProjectSearch_08_29_2025 Snohomish (1).csv;

Stop using parks money for a New Professional Sports Stadium, and return it to the Recreation and Conservation Office.

Everett City Council
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Everett City Council,

If you live in the State of Washington your tax dollars are being used to build a new baseball stadium in downtown Everett, Washington.

In fact, the City of Everett is taking money from the State of Washington Department of Commerce Youth Athletic Facility Account and using it to subsidize billionaire Major/Minor League Baseball owners.

This means parks and playfields that might have been funded by the Youth Athletic Facility Account cannot be funded. The account funded parks and k-12 fields not only in Everett, but in Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, and many more communities accross the State.

Youth Athletic Facilities funded 24 projects with the same amount of funds now being used for the "New Stadium" in Downtown Everett (see email below). The Everett Parks & Facilities Department funded 6 projects through the Youth Athletic Facilities Program.*

Everett City Council, please terminate the Youth Athletic Facility Account grant (Contract Number: 24-96531-002), especially since contract documents indicate the City of Everett plans to apply for additional grant program funds anyway.

Everett City Council, propose and help pass the following statement:

"We, the Everett City Council and governing body for the City of Everett, terminate the Everett New Stadium Project, Contract Number: 24-96531-002."

Send the statement to the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Simply explain that it is completely inappropriate to use Youth Athletic Facility Account funds to build a new baseball stadium in downtown Everett that subsidizes billionaire Major/Minor League Baseball owners.

Submit final performance and financial reports to the Department of Commerce and return unspent money.

It's not complex. It's really pretty simple.

In the words of Nancy Regan,

JUST SAY NO!!

Best Regards,

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*Everett and Snohomish County sponsored projects attached

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From: john martin <jmartinnoj@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 3, 2025 9:40 AM
Subject: Support Snohomish County Parks and Recreation

Dear Snohomish County District 4 Charter Review Committee Members and Candidates,

A Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County project is approved for a \$774,402 grant request from the Youth Athletic Facilities. But the project is listed as **"ALTERNATE."**

"ALTERNATE" refers to a potential project that is approved and placed on a ranked list, but only receives funding if one of the higher-priority, recommended projects becomes unfeasible.

The new Major/Minor League Baseball Stadium in Downtown Everett contract is unfeasible and should be terminated to allow space for Youth Athletic Facilities **Alternate** projects.

How many future Youth Athletic Facility grants will be denied in order to fund the Major/Minor League Baseball Stadium in Everett?

Grants Awarded
Large Category
Youth Athletic Facilities
2025-2027
Future Projects

<https://rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/YAF-Grants-2024.pdf>

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Twenty-two (22) "Alternate" YAF projects are noted below, waiting to be funded.

City and Project	Grant Requested	Grant Awarded
Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Peck Community Sports Park Lighting	\$600,000	Not Funded
2 Everett Lion's Park Skate Dot Construction	\$204,868	Alternate
Port Angeles Marathon Association Monroe SportsField Lighting, Restroom, and Scoreboard	\$783,970	Alternate
Kent Garrison Creek Park Sports Court Renovation	\$1,000,000	Not Funded
5 Hoquiam Olympic Stadium Field Lighting and Restrooms	\$960,000	Alternate
Sumner Bill Heath Sports Complex Lighting Improvements	\$1,500,000	Alternate
Walla Walla Martin Field Synthetic Turf Playfield	\$1,471,000	Not Funded
5 Longview Cloney Park Skatepark and Pumptrack Revitalization	\$1,500,000	Alternate
Ephrata Ephrata Sports Complex Addition	\$530,000	Alternate
Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County Oak Harbor Boys and Girls Club Sports Court	\$744,402	Alternate
Sunnyside Sunnyside Pump Track	\$1,144,400	Not Funded
5 Kennewick Lawrence Scott Park Ball Field Lights	\$232,500	Alternate
Seattle Walt Hundley Playfield Replacement and Upgrades	\$1,400,448	Alternate

Lynnwood Meadowdale Playfields Dugouts and Lighting \$595,000 **Alternate**
 Chewelah Chewelah Youth Sports Complex \$800,000 \$200,000 \$1,000,000 Not Funded 5
 Everett Forest Park Pickleball Courts \$841,993 **Alternate**
 Ellensburg Mount View Park Tennis Court Construction \$454,200 **Alternate**
 Lynden Bender Fields Complex Lighting \$375,000 **Alternate**
 Fife Dacca Park Athletic Track Resurfacing Not Funded 5
 Shoreline Shoreline Park Playfields A and B Light Replacement \$486,906 **Alternate**
 Federal Way Celebration Park Soccer Field Eight Turf Conversion \$1,500,000 **Alternate**
 Olympia Little Baseball Association Park Baseball Fields
 Renovation Phase Two \$1,325,000 **Alternate**
 Renton Cedar River Park Stoneway Parcel Acquisition \$1,500,000 Not Funded 5
 Snohomish County Martha Lake Airport Park Pickleball \$1,075,635 Not Funded 5
 Quincy Lauzier Park Soccer Field Development \$1,500,000 **Alternate**
 Oak Harbor Pickleball Court Development \$780,000 **Alternate**
 Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Sehmel Ball Field Turf Replacement \$817,173 **Alternate**
 Seattle Smith Cove Playfield Natural Turf Renovation \$634,081 **Alternate**
 Stanwood Heritage Park Multiuse Fields and Parking Lot \$1,107,533 **Alternate**
 Burlington Maiben Park Basketball Courts \$1,032,290 Not Funded 5
 Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District Battle Point Park Turf Replacement \$650,000
 Not Funded 5
 Aberdeen Pioneer Park Pickleball and Basketball Courts \$333,960 Not Funded 5
 College Place Kiwanis Park Phase Two Renovation \$1,089,228 **Alternate**

- 1 Project type: A=Acquisition, D=Development
- 2 Withdrawn. Funded with other resources
- 3 Partially funded by board in July and fully funded by RCO director in August.
- 4 Funded by RCO director in August.
- 5 Applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for fund

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Athletic Fields and Facilities Inventory

This interactive map (link below) lets you find parks and school fields near you.

<https://wa-rco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0947b69ee5a1403092c4381f14f07a3d>

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To obtain information about Youth Activity Fund and Recreation Conservation Office projects in your area, contact a Contact a Grants Manager or "RCO MI Public Disclosure (RCO)"

<public.disclosure@rco.wa.gov>

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Subject: It's not complex. It's really pretty simple.

Everett City Council
2930 Wetmore Ave.
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Dear Everett City Councilmembers,

Some of you have indicated that it's too complex to reject money from the Youth Athletic Facility Account being used to build a new Major/Minor League Baseball stadium in downtown Everett, Washington.

It's not complex. It's really pretty simple.

Your values tell you that you are either FOR using money from the Youth Athletic Facility Account to fund a Major/Minor League Baseball stadium.

Or your values tell you that you are AGAINST using money from the Youth Athletic Facility Account to fund a Major/Minor League Baseball stadium.

If your values tell you that you are opposed to using money from the Youth Athletic Facility Account to fund a new Major/Minor League Baseball stadium in downtown Everett, simply propose and help pass the following statement:

"We, the Everett City Council and governing body for the City of Everett, terminate

the Everett New Stadium Project, Contract Number: 24-96531-002, a Washington State Department grant for "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," effective immediately."

Send the statement to the Washington State Department of Commerce.

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What do your values tell you to do?

Take money from kids and give it to Major/Minor League Baseball?

Or take money from Major/Minor League Baseball and give it back to kids?

Your choice.

Best Regards,

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<https://www.snoho.com/news/2025/oct/08/mariners-have-big-money-how-about-they-give-cash-for-its-everett-farm-teams-stadium/>

<https://www.thenewstribune.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article312346445.html>

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