



Committee of the Whole

Cynthia Foley

Council Initiated:

Yes

No

ECAF: 2026-1280

Motion: 26-213

Type:

- Contract
 Board Appt.
 Code Amendment
 Budget Action
 Other

Requested Handling:

- Normal
 Expedite
 Urgent

Fund Source:

- General Fund
 Other
 N/A

Executive Rec:

- Approve
 Do Not Approve
 N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- Yes
 No
 N/A

Subject: Grant Applications to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

Scope: Snohomish County, through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, is submitting eight grant applications to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office. The grant applications and signature authority must be authorized in a public meeting.

Proposed projects and grant amounts are summarized in **Exhibit I** to this to report. All eight projects are included in the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program¹.

Duration: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Current Year Multi-Year N/A

Grant match is either included in the 2025-26 Biennial Budget or will be included in the upcoming budget. The County will have until mid-2027 to certify the grant match.

Authority Granted: Motion 26-213 authorizes applications to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for the eight projects listed in the motion and further authorizes the Snohomish County Executive to sign grant agreements for successful applications.

Background: The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office distributes grant funding through a variety of programs authorized by state law. Snohomish County has a long history of successful applications to RCO and funding support.

Council has approved applications in prior years. In April of 2024, Council approved:

- Motion 24-170² - Authorizing an application for the purchase of property adjacent to Martha Lake.
- Motion 24-153³ - Authorizing applications for two parks projects - Flowing Lake Park Floating Dock Replacement and Martha Lake Airport Park Pickleball Courts.

Requested Action: Consider taking action.

¹ [2024-2082 - 2025-2030 CIP Adopted](#)

² [2024-0596 - Motion 24-170](#)

³ [2024-0436 - Motion 24-153](#)

Exhibit I

Park/Project	RCO Program	Project Proposal	Grant Amount
Snohomish River Regional Trail	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP-Trails)	Potential acquisition of property and development of phase 1 of the trail.	\$2,000,000
Paradise Valley Conservation Area	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP-Local Parks)	Development of parking lot area improvements and trailhead amenities at the main park trailhead off Paradise Lake Road. Improvements will be identified through the public outreach and design process.	\$500,000
Mountain Bike Park	Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	Development of trailhead features, site access, and parking, and phase 1 trail development for the Mountain Bike Park.	\$685,000
Martha Lake Park	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP-Water Access)	Development of park improvements identified in the 2024 Park Visioning exercises such as waterfront access improvements, playground replacement, and docks.	\$549,000
Kayak Point Day Use Area Phase 3	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP-Water Access), Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)	Development of the final phase of improvements in the day-use area at Kayak Point.	\$1,000,000
Lord Hill Trailhead	Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP-Trails)	Development of the trailhead and upper parking lot improvements that were designed to a 30% level as a result of the Lord Hill Preferred Plan project. Other improvements to the trails and wayfinding will be included in the grant.	\$1,500,000
Paine Field Ballpark	Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	In partnership with the Mukilteo Little League, this project will focus on improvements to the little league fields at Paine Field Park.	\$412,000