



Memo

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Carrie Monforte
Date: 6/17/2023
Re: Comprehensive Plan Programs

South Whidbey Aquatics Center

The Joint Aquatic Center Committee (JACC) group met as a group, and again with ARC Architects. ARC provided a Concept Plan, consolidating likes and dislikes from the 3 designs presented at the last board meeting. They will incorporate additional feedback from this rendition. The SWAC Concept Plan is in your packet. Geotechnical Survey is underway.

In your packet are notes from a meeting with the JACC, South Whidbey Parks & Aquatics Foundation members and other stakeholders regarding the decision to move the bond to April of 2024. Matt will touch on this topic.

Grants Update

Info for the June 27-28 RCO Funding Board Meeting, where grant projects will be awarded, is available at <https://rco.wa.gov/boards/recreation-and-conservation-funding-board/meetings/>. The awards will be granted on the 28th. For the Pickleball project, it is anticipated that \$250,000 will be awarded for the Pickleball project from the Youth Athletic Facilities grant, and that we will be the first alternate for the \$250,00 matching WWRP Local Parks grant. It sounds likely that *eventually* the WWRP Local Parks grant will also be funded. The other projects (Turf Field, Amphitheater) will not be funded. I plan to listen in to the meeting virtually (you can too!), Matt may attend in person.

In your packet is information on the *Local Parks Maintenance Program* grant, awarding \$50,000-\$100,000 towards addressing maintenance backlogs and deferred maintenance. This topic intersects with a later agenda item, the 2024 Budget, where we will discuss priorities and the capital budget, including deferred maintenance projects.

Grant *tentative* timeline:

Application Webinar	June 30, 2023
Applications Due	July 31, 2023
Project Evaluation	August 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023
Grants Awarded	September 16, 2023

Additional Info: <https://rco.wa.gov/grant/local-parks-maintenance-grants/>.

Local Parks Maintenance Program	
Purpose	The program provides grants to help communities in need address priority maintenance backlogs.
How much money is available?	\$5 million general fund dollars, split evenly between state fiscal year 2024 and state fiscal year 2025. Funding decisions will be made as part of a single grant round.
Who may apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities and towns • Counties • Native American tribes • Parks and Recreation Districts • Port Districts
Is a plan required?	No, a parks and recreation plan <u>is</u> not required to apply.
What types of projects are eligible?	Deferred maintenance projects. Activities are limited to those that don't disturb the ground to reduce implementation timelines and allow for activities across multiple sites.
(Open for public comment)	
What are types of eligible costs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital equipment • Materials and supplies • Equipment rental and repair • Labor, including salaries and benefits • Contract services for eligible activities • Transportation or travel • Project administration up to 5%
(Open for public comment)	
What are the grant limits?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50,000 minimum, \$100,000 maximum. • Only one application per eligible entity.
Must I contribute match?	No, match is not required.
How is my project evaluated?	Staff scores two objective criteria, and evaluation team scores a single short answer question.
(Open for public comment)	
When are applications due?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications open early July (Estimate) • Applications due early August (Estimate)
When are grants awarded?	Late September (Estimate)
What is the award period?	No agreement period for a grant will go beyond June 30, 2025. Time extensions will not be allowed.