

## Capital Project Request

2017-19 Biennium

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Project Number: 30000412

Project Title: Youth Athletic Facilities

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 17

**Project Summary**

The Youth and Community Athletic Facilities grant program funds improvements to or renovation of existing outdoor athletic facilities to increase their availability for competitive play. The program focuses on serving youth through the age of 18, who participate in sports and athletics. RCO, however, strongly encourages sponsors to design facilities to serve all ages and multiple activities. Typical projects include: • Adding lights to a field to allow evening games • Changing an underused tennis court to a high-demand basketball court • Changing the field surface, such as installing artificial turf, to allow more games per season or extend the number of seasons the field is in use • Expanding a youth-sized softball field to accommodate broader community uses • Reorienting a softball field so it can accommodate another athletic activity such as soccer

**Project Description**

This program provides grants for projects that improve or renovate community athletic facilities and get people to participate in athletics outdoors. Outdoor recreation participation surveys show increasing demand for these facilities, and they tie directly to other public policy efforts to reduce childhood obesity and increase fitness. This grant program fills a niche not served by other RCO grant programs because it continues or expands the competitive playing capacity of existing facilities rather than funding construction of new facilities, which is the primary focus of other RCO grant programs. Also, non-profit sports organizations are eligible to apply, but they are not eligible for funding in other RCO programs. Allowing non-profit organizations to apply for funds leverages public-private partnerships that focus on competitive sports play. In 2015, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board created a match waiver policy in this program to address the needs of traditionally underserved communities.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Eligible Projects: Those that improve or renovate existing athletic facilities for competitive play including basketball, tennis, disc golf, volleyball, tennis, softball, soccer, baseball, lacrosse, rugby, swimming, track and field, and skateboarding. The primary focus is on facilities that serve youth through age 18, however compatible play by adults is also encouraged.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Cities and towns;
- \* Counties;
- \* Metropolitan park districts;
- \* Native American tribes; and
- \* Non-profit sports organizations.

Project sponsors must provide a one-to-one match. The match may be either cash, volunteer labor, or in-kind contributions.

RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state's 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

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**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project description for full list of eligible recipients

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 79A.25

**Application process used**

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria adopted in a public meeting by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The ranked list of the applications is approved by the board in a public meeting.

**Growth Management impacts**

Compliance with the Growth Management Act is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation when evaluating projects proposed by cities, towns, metropolitan park districts and counties.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2017-19 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	60,000,000				12,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>	<u>2025-27</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>	<b>12,000,000</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

This is a grant pass through program.