



Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)

Washingtonians are an active population. A 2006 survey revealed that nearly 70 percent of residents participated in outdoor team or individual sports. To provide facilities to meet that demand, the Youth Athletic Facilities grant program provides grants to acquire, develop, maintain, and improve community athletic facilities.

How are Projects Selected?

A citizen advisory council, established by 1998 legislation, evaluates grant applications in an open, competitive process and recommends a ranked list of projects to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for approval and funding.

Accomplishments

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board has awarded more than \$13 million in grants for 204 projects in 33 of the state's 39 counties since the program began in 1998. Grant recipients have contributed more than \$31 million in matching resources, bringing the total investment to more than \$44 million.



Asotin County Little League used a \$147,000 YAF grant to develop three baseball fields, a parking lot, and a building complete with restrooms, concessions, and office space.

Funding Information

Washington voters approved the program as part of Referendum 48, which provided funding for the Seattle Seahawks stadium. A Seattle Seahawks team affiliate contributed \$10 million in December 1998. Revenues in excess of those needed for bond repayment also were to have gone to the program.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members

Val Ogden, chair, Vancouver
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 Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Department of Natural Resources
 State Parks and Recreation Commission

Who Can Apply?

- Cities
- Counties
- Non-profit organizations involved in community athletic activities

Grant recipients must provide at least 50 percent in matching resources.

Grant Recipients (1998-2008)

Aberdeen
Adams County
Asotin County Little League
Auburn
Bainbridge Island Soccer Club
Bellingham
Black Hills Community Soccer
Boistfort Lions Club
Borleske Stadium Association
Bothell
Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
Boys & Girls Clubs of Pierce County
Bremerton
Brewster
Brier
Buckley
Burien
Camas
Cashmere
Centralia
Chehalis Community Services
Chehalis Little League
Chelan
Chelan County
Cheney
Chewelah Golf & Country Club
Colfax
Community Foundation for Southwest
Washington
Coulee Dam
Cowlitz County
Deer Park
Des Moines
Dugout Club
Duvall
Eastmont
Ellensburg
Endicott
Enumclaw
Federal Way
Ferndale
Fife
Fircrest
Gig Harbor Little League
Goldendale
Grand Coulee
Grays Harbor County
Greater Wenatchee Girls Softball
Association
Harmony Sports Association
Hazel Dell Little League
Hunters Community 4H Fair
Ilwaco Sports Boosters
Issaquah
Kelso

Kennewick American Youth Baseball
Kent
Key Peninsula Little League
King County
Kitsap County
Lake Washington Youth Soccer



Athletic facilities can include non-traditional sports such as skateboarding. Richland used a \$150,000 grant to build a skate park.

Lakewood
Leavenworth
Liberty Lake
Longview
Longview-Kelso
Lynden
Marysville
Mason County
McCleary
Milton
Monroe
Montesano
Mount Vernon
Northwest Parks Foundation
Oak Harbor
Olympia
Omak
Oroville
Orting
Othello
Pacific County
Pacific Little League
Pasco
Pend Oreille County
Pierce County
Pomeroy
Poulsbo
Prairie Soccer Club
Prosser
Pullman Education Foundation
Puyallup

Quincy
Richland
Ridgefield Booster Club
Seattle
Sedro Woolley Playfield Association
Sequim
Skagit County
Snohomish
Snohomish County
Soap Lake
South Mason Youth Soccer
South Whidbey Youth Soccer
Spokane County
Sultan
Sumas
Sumner
Tacoma
Thurston County
Thurston County Softball Association
Tonasket
University Place
Upper Kittitas County Baseball
Upper Valley Sports & Recreation
Vashon Youth Baseball and Softball
Wahkiakum County
Walla Walla
Washougal
Wenatchee
Wenatchee Youth Baseball
Whatcom Soccer Commission
Woodinville
Yakima
Yakima County
Yakima Valley Opportunities
Industrialization Center
Yelm



Kent used a \$300,000 grant to help buy land for a youth sports complex.