

Youth Athletic Facilities

FACT SHEET

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Who Can Apply?

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

Types of Projects Funded

- Land acquisition
- Development
- Improvement or renovation of athletic facilities

Funding

Washington voters approved the program as part of Referendum 48, which provided funding for the Seattle Seahawk's stadium. A Seattle Seahawks team affiliate contributed \$10 million in December 1998. Very little funding remains in this program.

Leveraging State Dollars

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

Providing Places for Washingtonians to Recreate

Washingtonians are an active population. A 2006 survey revealed that nearly 70 percent of residents participated in outdoor team or individual sports.

That participation can help Washington's economy. A national report noted that active outdoor recreation contributes more than \$11.7 billion annually to Washington's economy, supports 115,000 jobs across the state, and generates \$650 million in annual state tax revenue and \$8.5 billion annually in retail sales and services across Washington.

In addition to helping the economy, participating in sports can improve one's health, and potentially slow the rate of obesity in the state's citizens.



The Asotin County Little League used a \$147,000 Youth Athletic Facilities grant to develop baseball fields, along with parking and a small building for restrooms, concessions, and administrative office space.

Ensuring the Best Projects are Funded

To provide fields, sports courts, and other athletic facilities to meet the needs of Washingtonians, the Youth Athletic Facilities grant program was created to offer grants to acquire, develop, and improve community athletic facilities.

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



Richland used a \$150,000 Youth Athletic Facilities grant to build the Jeanette Taylor Skate Park near four schools, a shopping mall, and lower income housing.

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INVESTING IN WASHINGTON'S GREAT OUTDOORS

Grant Recipients (1998-2011)

Aberdeen
Adams County
Anacortes
Asotin County Little League
Auburn
Bainbridge Island Park District
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
Castle Rock Soccer Club
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



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

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
Lakewood
Leavenworth
Liberty Lake
Longview
Lynden
Malaga-Colockum Community Council
Marysville
Mason County
McCleary
Milton
Monroe
Montesano
Morton Chamber of Commerce
Mount Vernon
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
Wapato
Washougal
Wenatchee
Wenatchee Youth Baseball
Whatcom Soccer Commission
Woodinville
Yakima
Yakima County
Yakima Valley Opportunities
Industrialization Center
Yelm