



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Motion 16797

Proposed No. 2025-0077.3

Sponsors Dembowski

1 A MOTION related to a property tax levy for 2026 through
2 2031 for the purpose of: maintaining and operating King
3 County's open space system; improving parks, recreation,
4 access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and
5 continuing to develop and support parks, recreation
6 facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in
7 and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns,
8 and cities in King County; funding environmental
9 education, maintenance, and conservation programs at the
10 Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education,
11 maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle
12 Aquarium; funding environmental and climate stewardship
13 and education at Pacific Science Center; funding
14 development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's
15 Waterfront park; funding a capital project at Memorial
16 Stadium; and funding for capital improvements at public
17 pools, for all King County residents.

18 WHEREAS, King County owns and operates a system of regional and local parks
19 and trails that consists of thirty-two thousand acres of parklands and more than one
20 hundred eighty-five miles of regional trails, and

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21 WHEREAS, the county provides regional trails, regional recreational facilities,
 22 regional natural areas, regional parks, and local parks in unincorporated areas, which are
 23 parts of King County's "open space system," and

24 WHEREAS, a robust open space system contributes to a high quality of life, and

25 WHEREAS, the open space system provides: physical, social, and mental health
 26 benefits to individuals; economic opportunity through recreation and tourism; economic
 27 growth for private businesses that must attract and retain skilled workers; increased
 28 climate resilience; environmental benefits like clean water and healthy habitat; and
 29 cultural resource protection through open space conservation, and

30 WHEREAS, for the benefit of all King County residents, in February 2025, the
 31 executive transmitted to the council Proposed Ordinance 2025-0070, which would submit
 32 to the qualified electors of King County a property tax levy on an August 2025 special
 33 election ballot for the purpose of: maintaining and operating King County's open space
 34 system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring
 35 lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional
 36 trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts,
 37 towns, and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance, and
 38 conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education,
 39 maintenance, and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding environmental
 40 and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding development,
 41 maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding a capital project at
 42 Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public owned pools;

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

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44 A.1. It is the intent of the council that levy proceeds be used for the operations,
45 projects, and programs, and in such allocations, as provided in Attachment A to this
46 motion.

47 2. The moneys allocated to operations, projects, and programs listed in
48 Attachment A to this motion may be modified when deemed advisable or necessary in the
49 judgment of the council. Implementation or completion of any project or program listed
50 in Attachment A to this motion will not be required if the council determines that it has
51 become inadvisable or impractical. The council will make such a determination through
52 action on appropriations ordinances.

53 3.a. The council requests that the department of natural resources and parks
54 report to the council annually by September 30 of each year, beginning in 2026, if it
55 anticipates requesting a reallocation of moneys for projects or programs listed in
56 Attachment A to this motion in the following year. The report should be electronically
57 filed with the clerk of the council, who will retain an electronic copy and provide an
58 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, and the chief policy
59 officer. The last report should be filed by September 30, 2031.

60 b. For the report to be filed by September 30, 2029, the council requests that
61 the report also includes:

62 (1) the executive's review of all capital projects listed in Attachment A to
63 this motion; and

64 (2) the executive's reallocation recommendations of funding from all capital
65 projects that are not viable, eligible, or legal, or are not scheduled to begin construction or
66 begin acquisition within the six-year period of the levy, to capital projects that are viable,

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67 eligible, legal, and scheduled to begin construction or begin acquisition before December
68 31, 2031. The recommendations should be incorporated into the executive's proposed
69 appropriations ordinance.

70 4. In 2026 through 2028, the executive should include in each proposed
71 ordinance appropriating parks levy funding for a capital project listed in Attachment A to
72 this motion, a statement of fact that the executive finds for each capital project proposed
73 for appropriation in the proposed ordinance, the capital project is viable, eligible, legal,
74 and scheduled to begin construction or begin acquisition within the six-year period of the
75 levy.

76 5. In delivering capital projects identified in Attachment A to this motion,
77 whether directly or in partnership with other jurisdictions, it is the intent of the council
78 that the county should consider using its bonding authority to finance projects. The
79 executive should study whether and when bond financing is appropriate for use in these
80 projects.

81 B. It is the intent of the council that the aquatic facilities grant program, healthy
82 communities and parks grant program, and the ballfield access and preservation grant
83 program be administered in accordance with the guidelines in Attachment B to this
84 motion.

85 C. It is the intent of the council that parks levy expenditures identified as "King
86 County Open Space Acquisition/Land Conservation" in Attachment A to this motion be
87 made in accordance with the guidelines in Attachment C to this motion, except that six
88 million dollars from the "King County Open Space Acquisition/Land Conservation"

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89 allocation, to be used for acquisition of parks and open space in unincorporated King
90 County, shall not be subject to the guidelines in Attachment C to this motion.

91 D. It is the intent of the council that the Skyway Community Center be completed
92 and fully operational within the period of this levy.

93 E. The executive should perform outreach and community engagement around
94 Preston Mill park phase three, and should submit a report to the council on that
95 engagement no later than December 31, 2029.

96 F. The executive should develop a plan to allow alcohol sales in King County
97 parks. Additionally, the executive should, by no later than May 31, 2025, begin allowing
98 alcohol sales in the stands at the stadium in Steve Cox park, as already allowed by the
99 existing state alcohol permit.

100 G. The executive should review permitting standards for vendors in parks, and
101 should evaluate and recommend strategies to encourage food vendors to locate in parks
102 and streamline permitting processes for vendors. The executive should submit a report
103 with this information, as well as a proposed ordinance with recommended code changes,
104 if any, no later than December 31, 2026.

105 H. The reports and proposed legislation identified in subsections E. and G. of this
106 motion should be electronically filed with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an
107 electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief
108 of staff, and the chief policy officer.

109 I. At the top ten most highly utilized multiuse or recreation sites in the open
110 space system, the executive should set aside a minimum of three parking spaces for
111 electric vehicle charging and associated equipment.

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112 J. It is the intent of the council that at each outdoor active recreation facility in
 113 the open space system, lighting should remain on until at least ten p.m. in urban
 114 unincorporated areas.

115 K. In the urban unincorporated areas of King County, at each active recreation
 116 facility in the open space system that requires a reservation, the executive should develop
 117 and implement a policy to increase regularly scheduled free time for open play, for
 118 example, that reserves at least two hours a day, three days a week, for unscheduled
 119 activities on a first-come, first-served basis.

120 L.1. The executive should, in consultation with the Sound Cities Association,
 121 undertake a study relating to equity in distribution of parks levy funding. The study
 122 should include, but not be limited to:

123 a. the geographical distribution of parks levy funding for the current and all
 124 previous parks levies;

125 b. how the geographic distribution of funding has or has not correlated to the
 126 geographic distribution of equity and social justice priority populations such as: low
 127 income households; Black, indigenous, and people of color communities; people with
 128 limited English proficiency; people living in areas with high instances of negative health
 129 outcomes such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease; and lack of access to open space
 130 and recreation facilities; and

131 c. strategies that the current and previous parks levies have used to address
 132 equity and social justice in their funding allocations, and the success of these strategies;
 133 and

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- 134 d. recommendations on a strategic approach for the equitable distribution of
135 levy proceeds in any future parks levies.
- 136 2. The executive should submit a report with this information no later than
137 December 1, 2029. The report should be electronically filed with the clerk of the council,

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- 138 who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, all
139 regional policy committee members, the council chief of staff, and the chief policy officer.

Motion 16797 was introduced on 2/25/2025 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/15/2025, by the following vote:


Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn,
von Reichbauer and Zahilay
No: 1 - Dunn

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Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Shannon Braddock, County Executive

Attachments: A. Parks Levy Renewal Allocation Plan, dated March 26, 2025, B. General Requirements for King County Parks Levy Grant Programs, C. Open Space Acquisition Guidelines

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Attachment A - Parks Levy Renewal Allocation Plan March 26, 2025

| Parks Levy Renewal Allocation Plan (2026-2031) | |
|--|-----------------|
| Election Costs | \$1,500,000 |
| Additional Assumed Costs | \$10,500,000 |
| Fixed income exemption ¹ | \$3,000,000 |
| Undercollection assumption | \$7,500,000 |
| Aquatic Facilities ¹⁴ | \$68,000,000 |
| Aquatic Facilites Grant Program ¹⁷ | \$46,000,000 |
| Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center | \$22,000,000 |
| Ballfields and Sport Courts | \$60,000,000 |
| Ballfield Access and Preservation Grants ¹⁷ | \$13,500,000 |
| Ballfield and Sports Courts (new facilities) ²² | \$3,000,000 |
| Natural Grass to Synthetic Turf Field Conversion ²⁰ | \$25,500,000 |
| Ballfields and sports court rehabilitation ²³ | \$6,000,000 |
| Ballfield synthetic turf replacement | \$12,000,000 |
| Grants and Community Partnerships | \$144,000,000 |
| Healthy Communities and Parks Grants (formerly named Targeted Equity Grants) ¹⁷ | \$30,000,000 |
| Municipal Parks Capital and Open Space Passthrough | \$25,000,000 |
| Community Partnerships and Grants ²¹ | \$12,500,000 |
| Get Active/Stay Active - Youth and Amateur Sports Grants | \$10,000,000 |
| Woodland Park Zoo | \$40,000,000 |
| Seattle Aquarium | \$12,000,000 |
| Memorial Stadium ³ | \$2,500,000 |
| Pacific Science Center | \$6,000,000 |
| Seattle's Waterfront Park ² | \$6,000,000 |
| King County Cities, Towns, and Park Districts | \$119,000,000 |
| King County Operations and Maintenance ⁴ | \$489,700,000 |
| Operations, Maintenance, Program Delivery and Internal Supports | \$464,000,000 |
| Safety and Security Program | \$5,000,000 |
| Asset Management Program | \$4,100,000 |
| Land Use Stewardship and Encroachment Program | \$5,000,000 |
| Youth Conservation Corps Program Expansion | \$4,800,000 |
| Parks Beautification Program | \$5,000,000 |
| Tribal, Indigenous, & Historic Interpretive Program | \$1,800,000 |
| Climate Resilience, Conservation and Stewardship | \$175,000,000 |
| King County Open Space Acquisition/Land Conservation ¹⁵ | \$90,000,000 |
| Stewardship of Lands Acquired (O&M) | \$10,000,000 |
| Fish Passage Program ⁵ | \$20,000,000 |
| Climate Resilience ⁶ | \$25,000,000 |
| Environmental Stewardship ⁷ | \$30,000,000 |
| Regional and Other Public Trails System ⁸ | \$182,000,000 |
| Eastrail | \$65,000,000 |
| Lake to Sound Trail | \$55,000,000 |
| Green River Trail Extension - North | \$6,000,000 |
| Interurban Trail South investments | \$8,000,000 |
| Soos Creek Trail | \$7,000,000 |
| Other New Regional Trails ⁹ | \$41,000,000 |
| New Park Development and Improvements ¹¹ | \$45,500,000 |
| New Park Development and Improvements | |
| Dog Parks | \$2,000,000 |
| Lakeland Park North | \$10,000,000 |
| Skyway Park Planning and Community Center | \$13,000,000 |
| Fall City Community Center | \$500,000 |
| City of Bothell McAuliffe Skate Park | \$1,000,000 |
| Water Access on Lake Washington ¹⁶ | \$19,000,000 |
| Active Recreation Repair and Renovation and Other Park Repair and Renovation | \$152,000,000 |
| Major Maintenance Existing Infrastructure ¹⁰ | |
| General infrastructure ²⁵ | \$18,000,000 |
| Playground rehabilitation ¹⁹ | \$7,000,000 |
| Park amenities rehabilitation | \$6,000,000 |
| Parks building system rehabilitation | \$8,000,000 |
| Water access and docks rehabilitation ¹⁸ | \$8,000,000 |
| Backcountry Trails (trails rehabilitation and new trails) | \$6,000,000 |
| Drainage infrastructure rehabilitation | \$12,000,000 |
| Other agency projects (Sound Transit, WSDOT, KC Roads, etc.) | \$5,000,000 |
| ADA and Accessibility Rehabilitation | \$12,000,000 |
| Regional Trails Rehabilitation ¹² | \$50,000,000 |
| Marymoor Park Rehabilitation ¹³ | \$16,000,000 |
| Sunset Park Renovation and Repair | \$4,000,000 |
| Total ²⁴ | \$1,447,200,000 |

1. As authorized by RCW 84.36.381.

Parks Levy Renewal Allocation Plan (2026-2031)

2 New levy investment to Friends of Waterfront Park that supports: accessibility for traditionally underserved areas and communities, including people with disabilities; maintenance and operations of facilities and grounds; offering free arts, culture, wellness, and recreation programming to all visitors; and inclusive community partnerships. Any new jobs funded by this levy that are not already covered under the current Labor Harmony Agreement that Friends of Seattle Waterfront has with the Martin Luther King, Jr. County Labor Council, should be added as part of the Labor Harmony Agreement.

3. This allocation will contribute to the renovation of the Memorial Stadium at Seattle Center. This transformative project will be led by Seattle Public Schools and the City of Seattle, providing an improved multi-purpose venue for local and regional sports and events.

4. Of this allocation, 93% funds the day-to-day operational needs to maintain the open space system (personnel, supplies, services, fleet, equipment, administrative costs, etc.). \$2.4M shall be allocated for the King County Fair, Washington State University 4-H Program, and King County Search and Rescue operations. Additional funding to be allocated for critical programs and services to manage the growing open space system and enhance safety and belonging for park users. These programs include the expansion of the service level agreement with King County Sheriff's Office to fund the Parks Patrol Program; the expansion of the Parks Safety Program for ongoing implementation of safety related elements within the open space system, i.e., regulatory compliance and trainings for onsite staff; and expansion of the Youth Conservation Corps summer internship program.

New investments include:

- Funding for the continuity of the Parks Beautification Program. Money for the Parks Beautification Program shall be used solely to support a jobs program within the Parks Division for the unhoused.
- Funding for the enforcement of Parks Land Use Guidelines on open space lands and regional trail segments to protect capital investments, open space acquisitions, and new properties and easements in support of environmental preservation.
- Funding to support work with Tribes, indigenous organizations, and historic preservation organizations to strengthen government-to-government relationships, and improve conservation and recreational planning and programs with Tribes and the organizations.

The Executive has discretion on timing of implementation of these programs.

5. The Fish Passage Program is expected to be supplemented with Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funding.

6. Climate resilience investments will support the Parks Division's forest stewardship program and projects; potential combined park and stormwater facility pilot projects; and establish a climate response fund intended to support community response projects and programming as identified.

- From the amount allocated for climate resilience, at least \$250,000 to be allocated for planting of street trees to provide additional tree canopy and urban green space in White Center. Street tree planting should be prioritized for 16th Ave. SW and 17th Ave. SW between SW Roxbury St. and SW 100th St., and particularly in areas contiguous to planned park acquisitions.
- From the amount allocated for climate resilience, up to \$1 million to be allocated for a surface-level cooling water feature for children at Steve Cox Park, located adjacent to the playground.
- From the amount allocated for climate resilience, \$700,000 to be allocated for capital preconstruction costs for a new climate resilient community center to serve communities adjacent to the Duwamish River in the Georgetown area.
- Of this funding, \$5 million shall be allocated for a councilmanic Climate Resilience grant program, to be evenly divided between council districts per year of the levy.

7. Environmental stewardship investments will support early actions to safeguard sites for public use following acquisition; structure demolitions to deliver full ecological and recreation benefits; improvements to existing maintenance facilities and acquisitions; natural resource and site management planning; multi-benefit river corridor projects; and landscaping/restoration/mitigation site monitoring and maintenance.

8. This allocation provides funding for Regional and Other Public Trails System including:

- Construction of two additional segments of Lake to Sound Trail and the completion of the design to connect Lake to Sound Trail to SeaTac Airport.
- Construction of two additional segments of Eastrail, an Eastrail connection to Coulon Park, paves Central Wilburton segment, and completes design on Eastrail to Lake to Sound Trail connection.
- Construction of the Green River Trail North to Seattle.
- Complete full rehabilitation of the Interurban Trail South.
- Construction of Soos Creek Trail Segment 5a and planning for future Soos Creek Trail segments.
- Other new regional trails noted in footnote 9.

9. Of this allocation to Other New Regional Trails, \$18M will fund a combination of planning, acquisitions, and preliminary design for potential future trail segments and connections including, but not limited to, Green River Trail, Preston-Snoqualmie Trail, Soos Creek Trail, Cedar River Trail, Green to Cedar Trail, and Snoqualmie Valley Trail (\$3M). The remainder of this funding will be used for emergent needs on the regional trail system including, but not limited to, surface improvements, lighting, access control improvements, and intersection improvements.

- \$5 million to be used for connecting the Interurban North Trail at the border of King County and Snohomish County.
- \$10 million to be used for the Kirkland Green Loop, intended to be allocated to regional partners.
- \$5 million to be allocated to the City of Kent for Kent regional trails and trail connections.
- \$2 million to be allocated fot the Georgetown to South Park Trail connection to be used for construction of protected bike lanes along 14th Ave S., between South Park Bridge and S. Director St.
- \$1 million to be used for the Maple Valley SR-169 Pedestrian Bridge, to support the City of Maple Valley's work on a new pedestrian bridge over SR-169 Maple Valley Black Diamond Road at SE 258th Street

10. Capital major maintenance programs should prioritize keeping the open space system clean, safe, and open, and include, but not be limited to: reopening all closed facility restrooms and ensuring that all facility restrooms remain clean, safe, and open; and rehabilitation of play areas, park buildings, existing synthetic turf fields, pools, docks, ballfields, sports courts, backcountry trails, drainage infrastructure, restrooms, picnic shelters, signage, as well as coordination with other agencies that have infrastructure on Parks Division property (e.g., Sound Transit, WSDOT). A portion of this funding is also intended to respond to emergent projects identified by Park users associated with existing facilities. These programs are expected supplemented with Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funding

This amount includes completion of the picnic shelter and replacement of the mill shed at Preston Mill Park. This amount also includes \$3 million for park renovations in the City of Des Moines.

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11. Funding for new park development and improvements includes Skyway Park Community Center that will support design, construction, and initial operational costs. Additional funding for construction (approximately \$20M) will be needed and is expected to be funded with a combination of Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) and bond financing. This funding will include \$350K to develop Korean American Hanwoori Garden in Federal Way

12. This program keeps the existing regional trail system clean, safe, and open and includes, but is not limited to, repair/replacement of bridges and trestles, trail surface repairs/rehabilitation, safety updates, repairs to meet current guidelines and standards, and landscaping/mitigation maintenance and monitoring.

13.This allocation will fund rehabilitation of infrastructure and facilities throughout Marymoor Park to keep the park clean, safe, and open. It also includes funding for improvements to address growing user demand including, but not limited to, signage, utilities, pedestrian facilities, buildings, roadways, velodrome rehabilitation, and concert venue updates. This program is expected to be supplemented with Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funding.

14. From this \$46 million allocation to Aquatic Facilities Grant Program, the following shall be allocated without being subject to the grant guidelines.

- \$5.0 million to the City of Shoreline to be used for aquatic facilities purposes.
- \$2.5 million to the City of Kirkland to be used for aquatic facilities purposes.
- \$5.0 million to the City of Bellevue to be used for aquatic facilities purposes.
- \$2.0 million to to the Whitewater Aquatics Management to be used for capital projects at, and operations and maintenance of, the Evergreen Aquatic Center.
- \$500,000 to Cottage Lake Pool to be used for repairs and rehabilitation.

Money for these specific projects would become available for competitive Aquatic Facilites Grants if the projects are not shovel ready by 2029.

15. Except for \$6 million that is to support park and open space acquisition in urban unincorporated King County, of which \$2 million is to be used in White Center, the remainder of this allocation is subject to the guidelines in Attachment C to this motion.

16. Of this \$19 million allocation to Water Access on Lake Washington, the following shall be allocated:

- \$4 million to be used for acquisitions and improvements to parks near the Burke-Gilman Trail in the City of Lake Forest Park.
- \$15 million to the Lakepointe Regional Park.

17. Except for the allocations to City of Shoreline, City of Kirkland, City of Bellevue, Whitewater Aquatics Management, and Cottage Lake Pool, set forth in footnote 14, the remainder of this program allocation is subject to Attachment B to this motion. Ten million dollars of the Healthy Community and Parks grants shall be reserved for cities and towns.

18. Of this \$8 million allocation to water access and dock rehabilitation:

- \$5 million to be allocated to Sail Sand Point.
- \$1 million to be allocated to the Tukwila Community Center for the riverside campus renewal and canoe launch.

The remainder of this allocation is for: repairs and rehabilitation of existing docks and/or boat ramps at Cottage Lake, Lake Joy, Lake Geneva, and Five Mile Lake.

19. From this allocation, the White Center Playground and Bike Area to be rehabilitated should include construction of covered play areas. All other playground rehabilitation projects should consider construction of covered play areas.

20. Of this \$25.5 million allocation to Natural Grass to Synthetic Turf Field Conversion:

- \$19 million to be allocated to South County Ballfields to be used for Natural Grass to Synthetic Turf Field Conversion.
- \$2.5 million to be allocated to Garfield High School to be used for the Natural Grass to Synthetic Turf installation project.
- \$1 million to be allocated to Tukwila Community Center to be used for the conversion of field to turf at the Tukwila Community Center Upland Campus.

21. Of this allocation to Community Grants and Partnerships:

- \$3 million to be allocated to Starfire Sports facility.
- \$1 million to be allocated for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for equine recreation and sports grants.

22. The Parks Division shall assess potential sites for cricket fields in the Snoqualmie Valley.

23. Includes funding for bleachers at Big Finn Hill Park.

24. \$6 million in interest is expected in addition to levy collections.

25. Of this allocation to General Infrastructure, \$200,000 to be allocated for a digital reader board on SW 102nd St. at Steve Cox park, if permittable. Of this allocation to General infrastructure, \$400,000 is to be allocated for acquiring, in partnership with Public Health - Seattle & King County, portable or permanent handwashing stations for use by the public and food vendors in public parks that have playgrounds.

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General Requirements for King County Parks Levy Grant Programs

Any project funded by parks levy proceeds must allow for regular public access. To receive parks levy funding for eligible projects, the eligible entities will be required to enter into contracts with King County.

1. Aquatic Facilities Grant Program Guidelines

Purpose

This provides guidelines for the use of parks levy proceeds for the aquatic facilities grant program, which provides funding opportunities to develop new and/or improve existing aquatic facilities in King County.

Eligible Entities

1. King County towns and cities;
2. Metropolitan park districts;
3. Public Schools districts and/or
4. Other public entities that own public aquatic facilities

Eligible Projects

Parks levy funding to develop new and/or improve existing aquatic facilities shall be for the following purposes:

1. Land acquisition;
2. Feasibility study;
3. Planning and design; and/or
4. Construction.

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2. Healthy Communities and Parks Grant Program Guidelines

Purpose

This provides guidelines for the use of parks levy proceeds for the Healthy Communities and Parks grant program, which provides funding opportunities to increase access to and use of parks, trails, open space, and public recreation facilities, in traditionally underserved areas and communities, as well as to build programming capacities of community-based partners that provide recreation to these areas and communities.

Funding is for the following purposes:

1. Develop new and/or improve existing parks, trails, open space, and recreation facilities; and/or
2. Provide programs focusing on recreation, amateur sports, play, and physical activity.

Eligible Entities

1. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations;
2. Small or emerging community organizations without a 501(c)(3) status, through a partnership with a fiscal agent;
3. Tribes or tribal organizations serving residents of King County;
4. Towns and cities; and/or
5. Metropolitan park districts.

Eligible Projects

1. Parks levy funding to develop new and/or improve existing parks, trails, and recreation facilities shall be for the following purposes:
 - a. Land acquisition;
 - b. Feasibility study;
 - c. Planning and design; and/or
 - d. Construction.
2. Parks levy funding to provide programs are to be focused on recreational programming (e.g., swim programs, youth sports leagues, etc.).

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3. Ballfield Access and Preservation Grants

Purpose

This provides guidelines for the use of parks levy proceeds for capital projects to increase public access to ballfields.

Eligible Entities

1. Cities and towns;
2. Park districts; and/or
3. School districts.

Eligible Projects

Parks levy funding to construct, improve, operate, or maintain ballfields shall be for the following purposes:

1. Feasibility study;
2. Planning and Design;
3. Construction; and/or
4. Operations and maintenance.

All projects receiving ballfield access and preservation grant funding must allow new or increased public access.

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Open Space Acquisition Guidelines

The following sets forth the overall approach for parks levy funding for the acquisition of open space in coordination with the Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) program:

1. Early each calendar year, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) will set a proposed allocation for open space from levy funds for the following fiscal year.
2. Staff will generate proposals for the use of these funds, taking into account opportunities to leverage resources with funding from Conservation Futures, as well as from other local, state, and federal funding sources.
3. An overall proposal allocating the parks levy funds to specific projects will be developed and discussed with the Conservation Futures Advisory Committee (CFAC) that is responsible for developing CFT funding recommendations. These discussions are expected to occur in the spring, the same timeframe during which the CFAC annually reviews CFT project proposals. This will create an opportunity for the CFAC to provide an advisory recommendation regarding allocation of these parks levy funds.
4. Taking the CFAC's recommendations into account, DNRP will develop a proposed budget for these parks levy funds.
5. The DNRP proposed budget for parks levy funding will be reviewed by the County Executive, and ultimately County Council, as part of the overall budget process for the following year.

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