

KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 15, 2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Consider a Resolution to Award the Distressed County Sales & Use Tax Funding for 2018.

BACKGROUND: In 1999 Legislature passed RCW 82.14.370 Sales & Use Tax for Public Facilities in rural Counties. These funds are for the purpose of financing public facilities in rural counties. The Conference of Governments (COG) has been charged with the review and scoring of the applications and submitting their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

On July 19, 2017 the C.O.G met to review the 2018 applications submitted and is including their recommendation attached as Exhibit "A".

INTERACTION: Public Works; Conference of Governments

RECOMMENDATION: Move to Approve & Sign Resolution to Award the Distressed Counties Sales & Use Tax Funding for 2018 as recommended by the Conference of Governments, as amended by the Board of County Commissioners.

HANDLING: Return 1 original to Public Works

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution; Exhibit "A"

LEAD STAFF: Mark Cook
Director of Public Works

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON

R E S O L U T I O N

NO. _____

**TO AWARD THE 2018 DISTRESSED COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX FUNDS
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS**

- WHEREAS:** The 1999 Legislature did pass RCW 82.14.370 Sales and Use Tax for Public Facilities in rural counties; and
- WHEREAS:** These funds are for the purpose of financing Public Facilities which are defined as bridges, roads, domestic and industrial water facilities, sanitary sewer facilities, earth stabilization, storm sewer facilities, railroad, electricity, natural gas, buildings, structures, telecommunications infrastructure, transportation infrastructure or commercial infrastructure and port facilities in the State of Washington; and
- WHEREAS:** The Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners makes sales and use tax funding available to cities pursuant to an annual grant program; and
- WHEREAS:** The COG as directed, met to review the 2018 applications to consider if they met the economic development needs of the county and communities within the county; and
- WHEREAS:** The COG is presenting the results and their recommendations for the funding as shown in Exhibit 'A', and;
- WHEREAS:** Award recipients are required to provide fourteen percent (14%) matching funds against sales and use tax grant awards; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Roslyn application fails to meet the required match and is therefore reduced to \$798,222; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Cle Elum application requires verification of match from a state agency funding source; and
- WHEREAS:** An agreement for receiving funds is required for all grant applicants and said funds will be available on January 1, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of County Commissioners, after due consideration, does hereby accept the Conference of Government's recommendations, as amended, to distribute the 2018 Sales and Use Tax for Public Facilities in Rural Counties in accordance with RCW 82.14.370 as shown in Exhibit 'A' as amended above; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Public Works Department will manage the Public Facilities Account; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The City of Cle Elum and the City of Roslyn are required to provide evidence to the Kittitas County Auditor's Office of matching funds for said projects prior to receiving 2018 sales and use tax funds.

DATED this 15th day of August, 2017, at Ellensburg, Washington.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Paul Jewell, Chairman

Attest:

Clerk of the Board- Julie Kjorsvik

Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman

Deputy Clerk of the Board- Mandy Buchholz

Obie O'Brien, Commissioner

KITTITAS COUNTY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS

August 1, 2017

Board of County Commissioners
 205 W. 5th Avenue
 Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Commissioners,

The Conference of Governments (COG) convened on July 19, 2017, to consider the merits of funding of four (4) applications competing for approximately \$1,349,970.00 in the Unencumbered Fund Balance of Distressed County Sales & Use Tax for the purpose of improving a community's infrastructure in hopes of creating a more positive economic development climate. The table reflects the project name, the amount requested and the COG recommended funding.

Project Name	Requesting Agency	Sales & Use Tax Funding Requested	Sales & Use Tax Funding Received
First Street Stormwater Improvements	City of Cle Elum	\$234,480	\$234,480
Pennsylvania Place Stormwater Bottleneck Replacement Project	City of Roslyn	\$803,222 * \$ 798,222	\$803,222 * \$ 798,222
Finance of Personnel Per RCW 82.14.370(3)(a)	Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce	\$72,000	\$72,000
Rotary Park Youth Baseball/Softball Complex Lighting Project	City of Ellensburg	\$230,000	\$230,000

The COG reviewed all the applications and applauds each applicant for the thoroughness of each of the submittals. The above list represents what the COG felt would have immediate economic impact on the individual communities.

The COG took the position that once these funds were expended there should be a tangible project that either immediately improves economic development or provides a design that

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leads to construction. These projects are worthy candidates for economic development dollars but the application and project scope need to lead to a completed project. Thank you for the opportunity to play a critical role in the evaluation and application of funds that will assist in improving the economic development picture for the entire Kittitas Valley community and we recommend you approve the funded projects as submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay McGowan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "M".

Jay McGowan
Conference of Government Chair

Cc: All Applicants
All COG Members
Kathy Boots, Clerk