

WRPA Issue Paper: Youth Athletic Facilities Program (“YAF”)

Please fund this program at least to the \$11.2 million level in the Governor's recommended budget.

What is “YAF”? – The Youth Athletic Facilities grant program, administered by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), provides funds to build, renovate, replace, or acquire land for outdoor athletic facilities such as ball fields, courts, swimming pools, tennis courts, BMX tracks, field lighting, and skate parks. The program focuses on serve youth through age 18 – but with a strong encouragement that fields and facilities serve all ages and multiple activities.

Cities, counties, Metropolitan Park Districts, Parks Districts, Tribes, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for these grants, up to a maximum of \$350,000, and a 50 percent match is required for applicants. Additionally, RCO runs a small grants program for applicants within cities of fewer than 10,000 population and counties of fewer than 60,000 people.

WRPA’s Request – We are requesting \$11.3 million to fund 38 large projects across 23 different legislative districts, as well as 7 additional small projects that have been evaluated and prioritized based on quality, equity and readiness. \$11.3 million will fund all alternate projects. This funding level will generate three-times (\$36 million) in capital investments in communities statewide.



History

- November 1998 – Washington voters approved Referendum 48, which provided funding for what is now known as the CenturyLink Stadium. As part of that ballot measure, the YAF program was established and \$10 million was provided to the program. This initial funding was provided to many jurisdictions and ran out after the 2006 grant round. The program remained dormant until 2013, when the Legislature renewed funding for it and re-established the RCO grant-funding process.
- Blue Ribbon Task Force on Outdoor Recreation – During the summer and fall of 2014, this 17-member, Governor-appointed task force met to develop recommendations to help boost outdoor recreation in Washington State. One of those recommendations was providing competitive funding for the YAF program at a \$12 million level.



There is a significant need for this program

- An increasing population has brought higher demand in traditional sports (examples: soccer, baseball), as well as interest and popularity in newer sports (examples: lacrosse, Frisbee, cricket).
- Funds allow local agencies and non-profit organizations to build, improve, or replace fields that enable communities across the state to have year-round playable surfaces – even in our “wet weather” state.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically illustrated the importance of providing fields and spaces for youth and adults to play and recreate; these spaces need added amenities for safe play to be quickly restored and sustained for future generations.
- These projects have significant costs associated with them; YAF grants are crucial to anchoring construction and operating partnerships that make completion of these facilities possible.

YAF - Large

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**Grants Awarded at Different
 Legislative Funding Levels**

Rank	Number & Type	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Leg. District	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Project Amount	Agency Request \$11.3 Million	Governor's Budget \$11.227 Million
1	20-1361D	Lions Park Basketball Zone	Othello City of	9	\$ 350,000	\$ 132,000	\$ 482,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
2	20-1664D	Curtin Creek Community Park Youth Athletic Fields	Clark County Public Works	17	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,935,130	\$ 2,285,130	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
3	20-1285D	SRC Youth Ballfields Synthetic Turf	Pierce County Parks & Rec	29	\$ 350,000	\$ 3,617,000	\$ 3,967,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
3	20-1263D	Kent Memorial Park Renovation	Kent City of	33	\$ 350,000	\$ 4,407,000	\$ 4,757,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
5	20-1323D	Haddon Park Sport Court and Restroom Improvements	Bremerton City of	35	\$ 350,000	\$ 64,195	\$ 414,195	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
6	20-1553D	LBA Park Field #2 Renovation	Olympia City of	22	\$ 350,000	\$ 364,034	\$ 714,034	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
7	20-1890D	Warrior Ridge Sports Park Field #1 Lighting	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	23	\$ 350,000	\$ 3,631,700	\$ 3,981,700	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
8	20-1765D	Fort Steilacoom Park Artificial Turf Infields	Lakewood City of	28	\$ 350,000	\$ 994,000	\$ 1,344,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
9	20-1237D	Port Angeles Pumptrack	Port Angeles City of	24	\$ 350,000	\$ 47,500	\$ 397,500	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
10	20-1811D	White Salmon Valley Pool	White Salmon Valley Park Dist	14	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,251,523	\$ 1,601,523	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
11	20-1735D	East Whatcom Regional Resource Center Sports Court	Whatcom County Parks & Rec	42	\$ 350,000	\$ 200,470	\$ 550,470	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
12	20-1764D	Wards Lake Pump Track	Lakewood City of	29	\$ 350,000	\$ 38,907	\$ 388,907	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
13	20-1268D	Rainier Gateway Court	Buckley City of	31	\$ 75,000	\$ 92,694	\$ 167,694	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
14	20-1211D	Clarkston Club Athletic Field Renovation	Boys & Girls Clubs Lewis-Clark	9	\$ 334,306	\$ 38,146	\$ 372,452	\$ 334,306	\$ 334,306
14	20-1773D	Evergreen Tennis Courts Restoration	Mountlake Terrace City of	1	\$ 350,000	\$ 209,000	\$ 559,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
14	20-1886D	Burton Adventure Recreation Center Pump Track	Rj's Kids	34	\$ 166,875	\$ 69,425	\$ 236,300	\$ 166,875	\$ 166,875
17	20-1829D	Olympic Stadium Repair and Preservation	Hoquiam City of	24	\$ 350,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
17	20-1642D	Evergreen Playfield Infield Turf and Lights	Mountlake Terrace City of	1	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,129,000	\$ 1,479,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
19	20-1808D	Ilwaco Baseball and Basketball Improvements	Ilwaco City of	19	\$ 190,933	\$ 139,999	\$ 330,932	\$ 190,933	\$ 190,933
20	20-1560D	Sehmel Homestead Park Turf Replacement	Peninsula Metropolitan Park	26	\$ 350,000	\$ 637,466	\$ 987,466	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
21	20-1303D	W Queen Anne Play Field Athletic Field Renovation	Seattle Parks & Rec Dept	36	\$ 350,000	\$ 441,000	\$ 791,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
21	20-1810D	KTI Usk Basketball Courts	Kalispel Tribe	7	\$ 233,333	\$ 116,667	\$ 350,000	\$ 233,333	\$ 233,333
23	20-1356D	Volunteer Field Turf	Port Angeles City of	24	\$ 350,000	\$ 255,500	\$ 605,500	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
24	20-1238D	Wenatchee City Pool Renovation	Wenatchee City of	12	\$ 350,000	\$ 538,000	\$ 888,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
25	20-1434D	Winthrop Ice Rink Phase 3	Winthrop Rink	12	\$ 141,648	\$ 47,217	\$ 188,865	\$ 141,648	\$ 141,648
26	20-1639D	Highland Park Improvements Phase 2	Pasco City of	16	\$ 221,870	\$ 82,000	\$ 303,870	\$ 221,870	\$ 221,870
26	20-1712D	Omak Eastside Park Skatepark Upgrade	Omak City of	7	\$ 350,000	\$ 68,465	\$ 418,465	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
28	20-1231D	Rainier View Park Covered Court	Sumner City of	31	\$ 350,000	\$ 587,500	\$ 937,500	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
28	20-1826D	So Kids Can Play 2.0!	Pacific Little League	16	\$ 128,432	\$ 14,271	\$ 142,703	\$ 128,432	\$ 128,432

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30	20-1355D	Little League Field & Restroom	Aberdeen City of	19	\$ 261,900	\$ 39,960	\$ 301,860	\$ 261,900	\$ 261,900
31	20-1298D	Maple Wood Playfield Renovation	Seattle Parks & Rec Dept	11	\$ 350,000	\$ 2,486,890	\$ 2,836,890	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
32	20-1675D	Fairfield Park Irrigation & Drainage	Snohomish County of	39	\$ 65,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
32	20-1662D	Outdoor Community Sport Court and Public Restrooms	North Bonneville City of	14	\$ 114,750	\$ 38,250	\$ 153,000	\$ 114,750	\$ 114,750
34	20-1729D	SB Athletic Field	South Bend City of	19	\$ 350,000	\$ 1,048,345	\$ 1,398,345	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
35	20-1566D	Lions Park Multi-Use Field and Restrooms	College Place City of	16	\$ 349,550	\$ 117,614	\$ 467,164	\$ 349,550	\$ 349,550
36	20-1579D	Edgewater Park Sports Court	Everett Parks & Rec Dept	38	\$ 224,841	\$ 74,947	\$ 299,788	\$ 224,841	\$ 187,720
37	20-1290D	Chuckanut Bay Access & Parking Improvement	Chuckanut Bay Rugby Club	42	\$ 140,475	\$ 46,825	\$ 187,300	\$ 33,689	Alternate
38	20-1232D	Fircrest Park Athletic Field Improvements	Fircrest City of	28	\$ 158,515	\$ 158,515	\$ 317,030	Alternate	Alternate
					\$10,857,428	\$25,296,155	\$36,153,583	\$10,592,127	\$10,521,317

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1	20-1437D	Gene Goodwin Tennis Courts Resurfacing	Fircrest City of	28	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
2	20-1880D	Youth Outdoor Activity Area Sequim Boys & Girls	Oly Peninsula Boys & Girls	24	\$ 35,542	\$ 11,848	\$ 47,390	\$ 35,542	\$ 35,542
3	20-1481D	Springdale park athletic and ADA upgrades	Springdale Town of	7	\$ 75,000	\$ 58,700	\$ 133,700	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
4	20-1747D	The Pit Youth Facilities	Fairfield Town of	9	\$ 33,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000
5	20-1864D	Milton Community Park Courts	Milton City of	30	\$ 75,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
6	20-1784D	Colfax Pool mechanical room Renovation	Colfax City of	9	\$ 75,000	\$ 41,969	\$ 116,969	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
7	20-1429D	Wilbur Youth Rec Support Facilities	Wilbur Town of	13	\$ 59,331	\$ 19,777	\$ 79,108	\$ 59,331	\$ 59,331
					\$368,873	\$224,294	\$593,167	\$368,873	\$368,873

Appropriation \$ 11,227,000
 Admin \$ 336,810
 YAF Small \$ 368,87
 YAF Large \$ 10,521,317

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