



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE approving the grant funding allocation for projects funded through the 2020-2025 parks, recreation, trails, and open space levy grant program in accordance with Ordinance 18890, Motion 15378, Ordinance 19166, and the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 95.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. Ordinance 18890, which took effect May 13, 2019, called for a special election to authorize the King County parks, recreation, trails and open space levy. On August 6, 2019, King County voters approved the levy, which included funding for various grant programs including parks capital and open space, and aquatics facilities.
2. Ordinance 19166, established grant award criteria and the process for the King County parks, recreation, trails and open space levy grant programs, as well as the proposed composition of advisory committees in accordance with Ordinance 18890, Section 6, Motion 15378, Section F.1., and Attachments A, B, D, and E to Motion 15378.
3. The parks capital and open space grant program under Attachment A to Ordinance 19166 will provide funding for a range of land improvements, including land acquisition, park and open space development, habitat conservation, community gardens and construction of passive and active recreation facilities. The goal of the program is to acquire lands that might be lost to future development pressures, and also to construct new and improved facilities to address rapid growth in urban areas.
4. The targeted equity grant program under Attachment B to Ordinance 19166 will provide levy

proceeds for a range of projects, including capacity building, such as community outreach and planning; land acquisition in opportunity areas or areas that serve a community of need; capital projects or programs in underserved areas; and projects providing access to parks, open spaces, or recreation opportunities for people with disabilities. The goal of the program is to increase access and use of parks, open spaces, recreational facilities, and related programming in underserved areas.

5. The aquatic facilities grant program under Attachment C to Ordinance 19166 will provide levy proceeds for a wide range of improvements to public aquatics facilities located in King County. The projects may include feasibility studies, design, permitting and new construction or improvements to existing capital facilities. The grant program will assist communities as the region grows and existing facilities become obsolete or reach capacity.

6. The open space river corridors grant program under Attachment D to Ordinance 19166 will provide levy proceeds for flood risk reduction, habitat restoration, open space, and recreation in river corridors. The goal of the program is to incentivize projects that integrate multiple attributes of projects inside river corridors such as flood control, habitat, passive recreation, and trails.

7. The parks capital and open space/aquatic facilities advisory committee, targeted equity grant advisory committee, and open space-river corridors advisory committee each convened in the spring of 2023 to review and score grant applications and have recommended funding for the projects listed in sections 1 through 4 of this ordinance, based upon the eligibility and additional criteria set forth in Attachments A, B, C, and D to Ordinance 19166.

8. The award recommendations are the second of three biennial processes for parks capital and open space grant, aquatic facilities grant, and open space river corridor grant. The final grant award process is expected in 2025.

9. The targeted equity grant award recommendations are the second of four annual grant award processes in this levy. The next targeted equity grant award processes are expected in 2024 and 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The King County council authorizes the funding of parks capital and open space grant projects for 2023, totaling \$9,990,235, as follows:

- A. City of Algona: \$1,000,000 for "Wetland Preserve Restoration & Interpretive Trail";
- B. City of Des Moines: \$456,000 for "Midway Park Open Space Design";
- C. City of Kent: \$800,000 for "Springwood Park Renovation";
- D. City of Kent: \$800,000 for "East Hill North Community Park Development";
- E. City of Maple Valley: \$100,000 for "Henry's Switch Pump Track & Trails";
- F. City of Normandy Park: \$400,000 for "Hall Property Acquisition on Miller Creek";
- G. City of Renton: \$800,000 for "May Creek Trail South";
- H. City of SeaTac: \$80,788 for "Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park Fence Replacement";
- I. City of SeaTac: \$258,196 for "SeaTac BMX Track Lighting";
- J. City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation: \$500,000 for "Kubota Garden Visitor Center Planning";
- K. City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation: \$800,000 for "Garfield Super Block Development";
- L. City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation: \$850,000 for "Rainier Beach Skatepark";
- M. City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation: \$720,000 for "Little Brook Park Improvements";
- N. City of Shoreline: \$598,451 for "Brugger's Bog Park";
- O. Fall City Metropolitan Park District: \$500,000 for "West Side Trail (Phase 2)";

P. Si View Metropolitan Park District: \$500,000 for "South Fork Landing Adventure Playground and Trails";

Q. Si View Metropolitan Park District: \$526,800 for "Tokul Creek Forest Acquisition & Planning"; and

R. Vashon-Maury Island Park and Recreation District: \$300,000 for "BARC Skate Building Improvements."

SECTION 2. The King County council authorizes the funding of targeted equity grant projects for 2023, totaling \$1,294,965, as follows:

A. After-School All-Stars Puget Sound: \$199,398 for "ASAS Recreation & Wellness for Underserved Youth";

B. Bike Works Seattle: \$187,500 for "Bicycle Access & Education Programs";

C. Concord International Elementary PTA - Seattle Parks Foundation: \$182,932 for "Puma Playfield at Concord International School";

D. Golden Bricks Events - Young Women Empowered: \$187,500 for "Refuge Outdoor Festival and Sundaes Outside";

E. Para Los Niños de Highline: \$50,000 for "Para Los Niños sports & Activities Scholarships";

F. Rainier Prep: \$65,500 for "Rainier Prep Physical Education and Recreation";

G. Somali Cultural Center - Somali Health Board: \$115,708 for "Hoops for Hope";

H. The Nature Project: \$47,932 for "Let's Get Outside with The Nature Project";

I. Whitewater Aquatics Management: \$103,495 for "Evergreen Pool Learn and Swim Project"; and

J. Young Women Empowered (Y-WE): \$155,000 for "Y-WE Nature Connections."

SECTION 3. The King County council authorizes the funding of aquatic facilities grant projects for 2023, totaling \$9,253,914, as follows:

A. City of Covington: \$2,500,000 for "Covington Aquatic Center";

B. City of Enumclaw: \$526,309 for "Enumclaw Aquatic Center Roof Replacement";

- C. City of Renton: \$904,440 for "Henry Moses Aquatic Center Updates";
- D. City of Sammamish: \$223,165 for "Sammamish Tile Replacement";
- E. City of Snoqualmie: \$1,000,000 for "Snoqualmie Community Center Expansion";
- F. Highline Public Schools: \$100,000 for "Evergreen Pool Windows Replacement";
- G. Lake Washington School District: \$2,000,000 for "Juanita Aquatics Renovation Phase 2";
- H. Mercer Island School District #400: \$2,000,000 for "Mary Wayte Pool."

SECTION 4. The King County council authorizes the funding of open space river corridor grant projects for 2023, totaling \$8,940,104, as follows:

- A. City of Kent: \$200,000 for "Boeing Rock Recreation/Habitat Enhancement";
- B. City of Tukwila: \$280,000 for "Chinook Wind Extension";
- C. City of Woodinville: \$250,000 for "Wilmot Gateway Park Boat Launch Ramp";
- D. EarthCorps: \$679,977 for "Duwamish River Restoration in Tukwila";
- E. King County Parks and Recreation: \$410,000 for "Kanaskat Natural Area In-Holding Acquisition";
- F. King County Parks and Recreation: \$132,075 for "Auburn Narrows Natural Area Expansion";
- G. King County Parks and Recreation: \$894,900 for "Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Access Improvements";
- H. King County Parks and Recreation: \$1,000,000 for "South Fork Snoqualmie River Acquisition";
- I. King County WLRD: \$1,000,000 for "NE Auburn Creek Restoration";
- J. King County WLRD: \$900,000 for "Middle Green River Open Space Acquisition";
- K. King County WLRD: \$1,000,000 for "Snoqualmie at Fall City Acquisition";
- L. King County WLRD: \$583,149 for "Rutledge Johnson Floodplain Restoration";
- M. King County WLRD: \$550,000 for "S Fork Skykomish - Miller River Restoration Design";
- N. Seattle Parks Foundation: \$770,000 for "West Duwamish Greenbelt Vision/Concept Plan";
- O. Snoqualmie Indian Tribe: \$63,020 for "Snoqualmie 3-Forks Riparian Enhancement";

P. Stewardship Partners: \$49,500 for "Wallace Acres Riparian Restoration"; and

Q. Whale Scout: \$177,483 for "Community-Led Sammamish River Restoration."