

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

January, 2023. *This document provides an overview of potential funding sources related to the needs and recommendations of the Justice Project Needs Assessment.*

LOCAL FUNDING

| Funding Opportunity | Examples of Eligible Project Types | Examples of Submittal Specifics | Funding Contact |
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| General Fund | Variety of projects can be funded through the general fund. Can be one-time costs, ongoing programmatic costs, or capital costs. | Primary operating fund for Whatcom County. Requires Council authorization and Executive approval. Ending fund balance should be no less than 15% of the most recently closed fiscal year’s revenues. Banked Capacity is available by Council approval. | Whatcom County |
| Economic Development Investment (EDI) Funds | Industrial lands, public facilities, renovations, partial financing of infrastructure projects (30% of Revenue). Applications ranked by: 1. Creation of the greatest number of ongoing jobs per EDI program dollar; 2. Placement on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Project List; 3. Support of local businesses in retaining family wage jobs; 4. Amount of private investment associated with the project; 5. Promotion of redevelopment, in-fill, and/or utilization of existing infrastructure; 6. Immediacy of the resulting benefit to the community; 7. Environmental impacts; 8. Ability to repay EDI loan(s). (70% of Revenue) | Collection of rural county sales or use tax for financing public facilities (0.9% sales tax) (Public Utilities Improvement Fund). Budgeted on a project by project basis. May not be used for justice system facilities. See Whatcom County Code 3.34 (pursuant to 82.14.370) County retains a portion of sales tax to finance public facilities to improve economy of rural counties. Applications reviewed by the EDI Board and recommended for Council approval. (pursuant to 82.14.370) | Whatcom County |
| Behavioral Health Fund (aka behavioral health sales tax) | Drug court, family treatment court, behavioral health unit in district court probation, mental health court, school prevention services, housing, community mental and behavioral health services, and psychiatric services in the jail, GRACE. | Sales tax of 0.1%, see Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.37 (pursuant to RCW 82.14.460) | Whatcom County |
| Mental Health Millage | Specific to mental health services; does not apply to substance use disorder when not co-occurring with mental illness. | Property tax millage, rate 0.0112499999, RCW 71.20.110. | Whatcom County |
| Whatcom County Jail Fund | Costs associated (RCW 82.14.350), financing, designing, acquiring, | See Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.33 Fund and RCW | Whatcom County |

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| | constructing, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improving jail facilities for juvenile detention and jails | 82.14.350 . Fund includes sale tax, per diem, misc. revenue and substantial General fund transfer approximately \$8.3M in 2022. Used to operate the correction facilities | |
| Health, Safety & Justice Facility Fund (formerly known as the New Jail Fund) | Costs associated with funding for consultants, needs assessment and fund construction of Health, Safety & Justice Facility | Multiple County funding sources; General Fund, Jail Fund, REET I | Whatcom County |
| Homeless Housing Fund | Funds homeless housing services center, jail re-entry program, various case management services | State grants and document recording fees in the Auditor's office (30.2% state, 1.8% auditor, 68% county for ending homelessness) | Whatcom County |
| Affordable and Supportive Housing (SB 1406 (RCW 82.14.540)) | Acquisition, rehabilitation or construction of affordable housing, rental assistance. | Small fund, under \$1M, Funded by a distribution of state sales and use tax to each participating county. Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.45 | Whatcom County |
| Housing and Related Services (HB1590 (RCW82.14.530)) | Affordable housing and related behavioral health services | Sales Tax collected and overseen by Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee. Whatcom County Code Chapter 3.47 | Whatcom County |
| Bellingham Affordable Housing Tax (Bellingham Home Fund) | Affordable housing for seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and working families at or below 80% Area Media Income (AMI), with two-thirds of funding dedicated to households at or below 50% AMI | Property tax rate 0.1% to support creation of affordable housing projects in Bellingham. Funds production and preservation, rental assistance and Supportive Services, and Homeownership | Bellingham |
| Real Estate Excise Tax | REET I: General government and law and justice capital projects REET II: parks and stormwater projects | Excise taxes of 0.5% (0.25% REET 1 and 0.25% REET II) Total \$940K in 2022 | Whatcom County |
| Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy | EMS services identified in the EMS Levy Service Plan by the EMS Oversight Board and its Levy Planning Committee | Funding available through property tax levy, ballot initiative (RCW 84.52.069) renewed every 6 years. Ballot measure passed to fund EMS Levy Service Plan 2023-2029. | Whatcom County |
| Developmental Disability Programs Millage | Developmental Disability programs Used exclusively for the financing of DD services. | Local property tax millage, rate 0.0125 . RCW 71.20.110 County Code Chapter 2.85.090 | Whatcom County |

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| Veterans Programs Millage | Provides support for programs and services to indigent Whatcom County veterans. | Local property tax millage, rate 0.0112499999 County Code Chapter 2.152.020 RCW73.08.010 | Whatcom County |
| Bond financing (G.O. Bond Excess LEVIES) | Infrastructure, building construction Not suited for ongoing programmatic costs | Bond financing is a technique to borrow against a source of revenue or collateral (tax revenue or property value) to fund a project now and pay for it over time. Requires >60% voter approval (Pursuant to 84.52.056) | Whatcom County |
| Public Sales Tax Levy | Projects vary, must be used as described in ballot measure, 1/3 must be used for criminal justice and/or fire protection Sales Tax – Up to 0.3%. 0.2% available | Requires Council approve ordinance to place on a ballot for voters to consider, (RCW 82.14.450 0), >50% voter approval | Whatcom County |
| Levy Lid Lift | Multiple purposes – based on levy type. Property Tax – Single-year and multi-year lid lifts. Allows increase in levy above 101% levy lid limit. | Requires Council approve ordinance to place on a ballot for voters to consider (>50 voter approval). If used to repay debt service it may not exceed nine years. | Whatcom County |
| Local jurisdictions | Interlocal financial assistance agreements, for capital improvements and services | Local jurisdictions can partner with county to fund capital projects as well as services. On a case by case basis. | Local jurisdictions |

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REGIONAL FUNDING

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| North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) | Behavioral health facilities and services, crisis services, mobile outreach teams involuntary commitment services and Co-Responder program (MHPs with Sheriff’s Office). | Integrated Managed Care model that administers State General Fund [GF-S] dollars, State General Fund Proviso dollars [Provisos], and Federal Block Grant Funds for Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment [MHBG and SABG]. The North Sound BH-ASO is also receiving competitively procured federal funds to expand education Assisted Treatment in rural areas [MATPDOA] and has also received additional federal funds through the state to expand treatment to persons affected by COVID and other natural disasters. | BH-ASO |

STATE FUNDING

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| American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) | County priorities in the community include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Childcare 2. Affordable housing 3. Behavioral health needs 4. Broadband 5. Infrastructure, including County Capital Projects Other economic relief, direct funding to small businesses and organizations, travel and hospitality and other impacted industries Funds non-recurring expenses. Avoid creating new programs. Invest in infrastructure, one-time expenditures. | \$44,528,542 of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Funds. | Whatcom County |
| Community Development | Projects that benefit low or moderate-income populations, and part of a consolidated plan | | HUD, state and local government |

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| Block Grants (CDBG) | | | |
| State legislation | State legislation can dedicate funding for a particular purpose | | State elected officials |
| Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) | Homeless crisis response systems to support communities in ending homelessness (emergency shelter, transitional housing, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing street outreach, personnel/case managers) | Income eligibility requirements may apply (at or below 80%AMI) Whatcom County | WA Dept. of Commerce |
| Emergency Solutions Grants | Street outreach, emergency shelter, rental assistance, and related services | | WA Dept. of Commerce |
| WA Dept. of Corrections | Jail nursing services (AB2021-740), housing of state inmates in county jail (AB2020-386), food service for inmates. | | WA Dept. of Corrections |
| Health Care Authority - CJTA Funds | Criminal justice treatment account (CJTA) is funding for treatment services for individuals involved in Therapeutic Court Programs (Drug Court, Mental Health Court, etc.) or people with charges filed upon them by a prosecuting attorney. | County agreements for state funding | WA State Health Care Authority |
| Health Care Authority Funds | Community behavioral health services, Apple Health (Medicaid), opioid treatment and recovery support services. | County agreements for state funding | WA State Health Care Authority |
| WA State Opioid Settlements | Settlement funds administered through the State Opioid Overdose Response Plan (SOORP) which includes these goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevent opioid misuse 2. Identify and treat substance use disorder 3. Ensure and improve health and wellness of people that use drugs 4. Use data and surveillance to detect drug use | Funds distributed directly to Whatcom County (no application process) (~\$5M) | Whatcom County (via Health Care Authority and State Opioid Coordinator) |

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PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT, CORPORATE

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| Chuckanut Health Foundation (CHF) | Supporting children and other projects aligned with CHF's mission | | Chuckanut Health Foundation |
| North Sound Accountable Community of Health (NSACH) | Trusted convener, advocacy network, | Regional fund allocation, shared infrastructure. | NSAH |
| Community fundraising | Better suited for small one-time costs, not suited for ongoing programmatic costs | Lead agency manages the details, marketing and fundraising campaign. | Non-profit |