

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT 16 - REVISED

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absent.

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Title: **Shall the charter be amended to increase transparency and accountability for use of grants or gifts from Whatcom County to any qualified legal entity?**

Section: **New Charter Sections 6.91**

### AMENDMENT:

#### **Section: 6.91 - Financial Transparency Reports on Use of Grants or Gifts**

All legal entities receiving grants ~~or gifts~~ from Whatcom County shall provide, to Whatcom County and the Whatcom County Auditor, as a public record available to the public, complete detailed financial reports substantiating the use of such grants ~~or gifts~~.

The receipt of grants ~~or gifts~~ by any legal entity, including non-profit organizations and for-profit corporations, from or through Whatcom County, shall obligate that legal entity to provide statements of income and expenses, balance and asset sheets, including line item listing of any other public grants ~~or gifts~~ from any public jurisdiction apart from Whatcom County, for the years of receipt and disbursement of such grants ~~or gifts~~ from or through Whatcom County. Lists or identities of non-public donors shall not be required.

The penalty for failing to provide such financial documentation or providing falsified financial statements shall be the return of all grants ~~or gifts~~ in total provided by Whatcom County during the budget cycle when documentation was missing or falsified, and for the same legal entity to be ineligible for future grants ~~or gifts~~ from or through Whatcom County for no less than three ~~annual~~ budget cycles thereafter.