



**Resolution for
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
2015 Youth Athletics Facilities Grant Application**

~ West Seattle Stadium Track and Field ~



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SUMMARY



- ▶ The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) administers several grant programs for recreation and habitat conservation purposes.
- ▶ Every year, budget allowing, RCO runs a competitive process for State and Federal grant funding for capital projects.
- ▶ As part of their grant process, RCO requires applicants to submit an adopted Resolution that authorizes the applicant to request funding from the State for the specified project(s).
- ▶ The Parks and Recreation Department intends to apply for funding through the RCO Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) program in 2015.
- ▶ The \$250,000 funding request will be for the West Seattle Stadium Track and Field Renovations project.
- ▶ The adopted Resolution is due to RCO by November 1, 2015. If not submitted by that time, then we lose our eligibility to apply for YAF funding this year.

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BACKGROUND

- ▶ Since 1966, we have been successful in securing RCO funding, averaging between \$500,000 to \$1M in funding in most of the grant cycles in which we applied.
- ▶ This state agency is one of our largest funders and has been a viable source that leverages and supplements existing funding for projects in our CIP.
- ▶ To date we have received over \$35 million dollars for 126 projects. For the 2014 RCO grant cycle we received \$0.5 million for the Yesler Neighborhood Park Development project that was approved via Resolution 31521.
- ▶ The YAF grant program requires a 1 to 1 match, and that the project will be operated and maintained for a minimum of 20 years for the purposes for which funding is sought.
- ▶ Grants are awarded based on a public, competitive process which weighs the merits of proposed projects against established program criteria.
- ▶ DPR selects which projects to propose based upon best fit with open RCO grant programs, the project is identified in a plan, availability of match funding, timeline, internal stakeholder vetting, and other factors.



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PROJECT SUMMARY

- ▶ The West Seattle Stadium Track & Field Renovation project was selected for this process because it meets the grant criteria, it is ready to proceed, match funding is available, and we were able to submit a Letter of Intent for this project as required by RCO in the summer of 2014.
- ▶ Improvements to be funded by the RCO grant and City match include:
 - Resurfacing the 8-lane track with rubberized track surface;
 - Replacing the pole vault and high jump landing pit and standards;
 - Updating long jump, shot put, and javelin throw areas;
 - Replacing 5 flights of hurdles;
 - Improving ADA accessibility (pathway); and
 - Upgrading amenities: North Grandstand seating, locker rooms and restrooms.
- ▶ RCO Grant Request: \$250,000
- ▶ Total Project Budget: \$500,000
- ▶ Project Start Date: Fall 2016

