

Asotin County Total .....\$114,476

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Asotin County Little League</b>	<b>\$114,476</b>

**Adding Lights to an Asotin County Field**

The Asotin County Little League will use two grants to install lights on a field and to add a T-ball field with supporting parking and restrooms at its Little League complex. In addition to Little League games, the field complex hosts Babe Ruth and high school games along with other youth events. The lights will allow two games a night instead of just one. They also will increase the flexibility for scheduling practices and games and will make the field more attractive for tournaments, charity events and other public functions. With completion of a T-ball field, the complex will be able to handle the entire Little League program. Currently T-ball, which makes up 25 percent of the program, is played on a local school football field. These projects have been realized by a continuing partnership with community volunteers, local businesses and the Little League and Babe Ruth organizations. Asotin County Little League will contribute \$133,800 in donations of cash, equipment, labor and materials. These grants are from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1903 & 07-1999)

Benton County Total .....\$137,500

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Benton City</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>

**Creating a Community Basketball Court**

Benton City will use this grant to convert an underused tennis court complex to three, regulation-size basketball courts. The basketball courts will provide an outdoor exercise alternative where youth and families can come together and gain team building and family unity skills. The project also will provide an additional area for competitive basketball leagues and teams. Benton City will contribute \$62,500. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1968)

<b>Richland</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
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**Lighting a Field in Badger Mountain Park**

Richland will use this grant to add lighting to a field in Badger Mountain Park used for football, lacrosse, soccer and ultimate Frisbee. Lighting of the field will increase the field's use. Richland will contribute \$95,000 in cash and donations of cash, equipment and labor. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1935)

Chelan County Total .....\$49,155

**Grant Recipient** **Grant Award**  
**Chelan County** **\$49,155**  
**Emphasizing Noise Enforcement**

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to hire two deputies to target off-road vehicle (ORV) noise complaints and set up sound monitoring stations throughout the county. Work will include creating a brochure explaining noise laws and the detrimental effects of loud ORVs. The grant will pay for training, sound metering equipment, salaries and expenses. Chelan County will contribute \$6,000 in cash and donations of equipment and labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles program. (07-1985)

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Clark County Total \$150,000

**Grant Recipient** **Grant Award**  
**Washougal** **\$150,000**  
**Developing George Schmid Ball Fields**

Washougal will use this grant to develop the second of three Little League baseball fields at the George Schmid Memorial Baseball Fields complex. The completion of the fields, and the complex as a whole, is critical to maintain recreational opportunities for children and adults, open Washougal to host regional or statewide tournaments and stimulate civic involvement and pride. Project partners and community support include the Washougal School District, East Clark County Little League and George Schmid Construction. Washougal will contribute \$173,192. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1929)

Cowlitz County Total \$150,000

**Grant Recipient** **Grant Award**  
**Kelso** **\$150,000**  
**Building the Kelso Rotary Skate Park**

Kelso will use this grant to build a 12,000-square-foot, competitive skate park. The professionally designed skate course will feature bowl and simulated street elements suitable for all levels of skate competition and recreational activities. Work will include landscaping, seating and sidewalks. The Kelso City Council endorsed the project, designating it as one of the city's highest development priorities. A community partnership involving the city, the Kelso Rotary Club, local business and local

skateboarders has developed. The Kelso Rotary Skate Park will be built next to a city park. Kelso will contribute \$255,836 in cash, equipment, labor, a grant and donations of cash and materials. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1850)

Ferry County Total .....\$10,000

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Republic</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Creating an Off-Road Vehicle Education Program</b>	
Republic will use this grant to hire staff to provide an off-road vehicle education and enforcement program and to buy noise abatement equipment and educational materials and supplies. Republic will contribute \$4,500 in donated equipment. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles program. (07-1998)	

Grant County Total .....\$13,540

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Grant County</b>	<b>\$13,540</b>
<b>Providing Noise Enforcement at the Moses Lake Sand Dunes</b>	
The Grant County Sheriff's Office will use this grant to assist in educating and enforcing Washington's noise laws. Sheriff deputies monitor and manage an ever-increasing number of visitors to the Moses Lake Sand Dunes, which are quickly being encroached upon by houses. Through education and enforcement actions, deputies will try to minimize conflicts between new neighbors as well as the non-motorized users of the dunes and the off-road vehicle riders. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles program. (07-2002)	

Grays Harbor County Total .....\$60,938

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>McCleary</b>	<b>\$60,938</b>
<b>Renovating Beerbower Park</b>	
McCleary will use this grant to renovate Beerbower Park, a 7-acre city park in the middle of town. The park includes a Little League baseball field, softball field, basketball court and skate park. The renovation will upgrade and expand the ball fields, expanding the open grassy area and creating a larger multipurpose field. Crews will grade the fields, install an irrigation system, fix drainage problems and plant grass. Portable fencing, refurbished infields, rollaway bleachers and new basketball goals will be included. The renovations will bring the fields and basketball courts up to an acceptable	

standard of safe and competitive use. McCleary will contribute \$60,938 in labor, equipment and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1927)

Island County Total.....\$1,325,000

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>South Whidbey Youth Soccer</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Improving South Whidbey Soccer Fields**

The South Whidbey Youth Soccer organization will use this grant to improve three fields at the South Whidbey Sports Complex, a 30-acre site for competitive sports. The result will be an increase in playing capacity by 50 percent, as well as increased safety and water conservation. Crews will convert a sand field to a grass, multipurpose field with drainage and irrigation and install drainage systems at two other grass fields. Better grass surfaces will result in easier management and a better experience for players. South Whidbey Youth Soccer will contribute \$273,726 in voter bonds, labor, equipment, materials and donations of cash, equipment, labor and materials. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1715)

<b>Island County</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
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**Preserving Ebey's Reserve Farmland**

Island County and the land trust will use this grant to buy and co-hold a conservation easement on 83 acres of prime farmland actively farmed for more than 155 years and highly productive for a wide variety of crops. Located in Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve on Whidbey Island, the farmland lies on the south boundary of the historic town of Coupeville, the second oldest town in Washington, and provides the historic agricultural context for both the town and reserve. Acquisition will protect one of the most productive and fertile agricultural properties in Island County and help ensure the future viability of agriculture in Ebey's Reserve. The property is an unprotected "hole" in the prairie, and thus is an exceedingly critical connection between a major farm and hundreds of acres of farmland protected by conservation easements held by the National Park Service. The land is highly sought for residential development because of its location adjacent to Coupeville with sweeping views of Admiralty Inlet, the Olympic Mountains and Ebey's Reserve farmlands that are permanently protected by conservation easements. The owners receive countless purchase offers, posing a real and imminent threat. The county will contribute \$900,200 from a federal grant and conservation futures.<sup>1</sup> This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (07-1600A)

<sup>1</sup> Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.

**Island County** **\$500,000**

**Protecting Useless Bay East Farmland**

Island County will use this grant to buy an agricultural conservation easement on about 55 acres of productive farmland in the Useless Bay watershed on Whidbey Island. The land has been used for agricultural purposes since 1915, including both crops and pasture. Adjacent to about 500 acres of protected wetlands at Deer Lagoon, the farm's agricultural fields, wetlands and riparian areas are used by wildlife and are a critical ecological element within the watershed. The property, which is at immediate risk of development to pay debts, is valued for homes because of its views of wetlands, Useless Bay and the Olympic Mountains as well as its proximity to recreational lands. If a conservation easement is not acquired, the property will be sold and developed into homes. The easement will extinguish all but one development right ensuring that the farmland remains available for both agricultural and wildlife uses. Island County and Whidbey Camano Land Trust will co-hold the easement. Island County will contribute \$500,000 in conservation futures.<sup>2</sup> This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (07-1584A)

Jefferson County Total .....\$546,737

**Grant Recipient** **Grant Award**  
**Jefferson County** **\$546,737**

**Protecting Glendale Farm**

Jefferson County, in partnership with the Jefferson Land Trust, will use this grant to acquire a conservation easement on the 180-acre Glendale Farm, just south of Chimacum. Glendale Farm is one of the largest parcels in the county still in active agricultural use. It is at the confluence of Beaver and Center Valleys, the two largest agriculturally zoned areas in the county. The land has been a farm since 1857, with a history of dairy and cheese production, and is currently an organic beef operation. Zoning allows for up to 12 additional houses on the property, and nearby farms are being subdivided for residential use. Restoration efforts include installation of a solar system and increased efficiency of the irrigation system. Better efficiency will improve the carrying capacity of the farm and increase the diversity of production. The farm includes 150 acres of prime soils, 23 acres of forest, more than a 1/2 mile of Chimacum Creek, scenic vistas from two rural arterials and habitat for salmon, trumpeter swans, eagles, hawks and many other animals. The highly visible, scenic vistas of this farm define the rural character of east Jefferson County, and protection of the strategically located property will set the tone for the viability of the county's agricultural community. Jefferson County and Land Trust will co-hold the easement. Jefferson County will contribute \$546,738 from a federal grant and conservation futures.<sup>3</sup> This grant is from

<sup>2</sup> Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.

<sup>3</sup> Same as above

the farmland preservation category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.  
(07-1540C)

**King County Total** **\$1,225,000**

**Grant Recipient** **Grant Award**  
**Auburn** **\$75,000**

**Adding Brannan Park Field Lighting**

Auburn will use this grant to add six new light poles and fixtures to a Brannan Park baseball field to increase use of that field and a neighboring one. Additionally, volunteers from the Auburn Little League will install a pitcher's mound. Currently there is 1,056 hours of available playing time on the field and the improvements will increase playing time by 43 percent, allowing additional time for more than 53 youth and adult teams. The lights will save more than 50 percent in energy from the current lights. Auburn will contribute \$108,845. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program.  
(07-1949)

**Boys & Girls Clubs of King County** **\$150,000**

**Building Rainier Vista Playfield**

The Boys & Girls Clubs of King County will use this grant to build a multi-sport playing field adjacent to the soon-to-be-completed Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club. Able to accommodate football, baseball and soccer games, the field will be built using artificial turf, which makes it accessible and usable year-round. The Rainier Vista community is in desperate need of safe places with meaningful activities led by caring adults for our kids, and the playing field has brought together community partners to make that dream a reality. The Boys & Girls Clubs of King County will contribute \$852,216. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1970)

**Des Moines** **\$75,000**

**Improving a Field at Des Moines Field House Park**

Des Moines will use this grant to improve a baseball field at Des Moines Field House Park, King County's first park. The work will enlarge the outfield and reposition the infield to increase distance between the playfield and dugouts and spectator seating. Both of these improvements will allow new groups, mainly teen baseball teams and adult baseball leagues, to use the field. This project also will create the only lighted baseball field in Des Moines that can be used by youth as well as adults. Specific improvements include replacing dugouts, re-grading the sloped outfield, moving a light pole and upgrading drainage and irrigation. Des Moines will contribute \$145,862 in cash, a grant and cash donations. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1905)

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**Issaquah** **\$100,000**

**Developing Squak Valley Park South**

Issaquah will use this grant to develop 5 acres of a 12-acre site as a community park. The park will have three soccer fields of natural grass with drainage, picnic facilities, a restroom, park furniture, a 72-car parking lot, automatic irrigation and landscaping. The park site will serve an area of the city that has no parks, as well as increase the number of fields for the city's expanding soccer and sports teams, such as lacrosse and youth football. Issaquah will contribute \$875,159 in cash, a local grant and donated equipment. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1753)

**Kenmore** **\$225,000**

**Improving Saint Edwards State Park Field**

Kenmore will use two grants to expand a 4-acre, open, grass field to allow for the configuration of two fields for youth soccer and adult lacrosse and cricket, and to develop two youth baseball diamonds, expand parking and create pathways to the fields. Work will include renovating a youth baseball diamond, which uses the soccer fields as an outfield, adding a pathway around the expanded fields and creating two parking stalls for people with disabilities. The baseball and soccer fields have poor drainage, which limits use in the spring and the early fall. The new fields will accommodate more than 250 youth baseball and soccer players and allow for slightly longer seasonal play. Kenmore will contribute \$800,000 in cash and a grant. These grants are from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1920 & 07-1992)

**King County** **\$150,000**

**Developing two Ravensdale Park Synthetic Sports Fields**

King County will use this grant to develop two synthetic turf sports fields at Ravensdale Park for soccer, lacrosse and football. Work will include adding parking, lights and drainage. Construction is expected to begin this year and be completed in 2009. In the past 15 years, the population of the service area, which roughly covers the Tahoma School District, has more than doubled to 34,000 residents. Local youth soccer leagues have been forced to limit participation due to lack of available sports fields. The county is partnering with the Ravensdale Park Fund, a consortium of park user groups, which has committed to providing \$500,000. King County will contribute \$1.6 million in cash and donations of cash, equipment and labor. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1945)

**King County** **\$150,000**

**Sixty Acres South Soccer Complex**

King County will use this grant to develop two of seven grass soccer fields on 35 acres that will become Sixty Acres South. The overall project will include the construction of athletic fields, parking, restrooms and park amenities, such as benches and picnic tables. Construction is expected to finish in fall 2008. King County is partnering with the Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association, which manages the 16-field Sixty Acres Soccer Complex, and serves more than 500 teams and nearly 7,000 kids. The

development of Sixty Acres South will greatly expand the park's capacity, making it one of the region's largest grass soccer complexes. King County will contribute \$330,730 in donations of cash. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1951)

**Northwest Parks Foundation** **\$150,000**  
**Building a Field in the SPARK Sports Park**

The Northwest Parks Foundation will use this grant to build a multi-purpose sports field in unincorporated south King County. Providing more than 5,400 new hours of recreation capacity, this field will be one of five fields that will provide custom field configurations for youth and amateur soccer, football, lacrosse, rugby, field hockey and ultimate disk sports as part of a larger destination recreation facility called SPARK. Under the leadership of Northwest Parks Foundation, the SPARK project is the result of the combined efforts of several community groups, youth sports groups, government leaders and businesses. Northwest Parks Foundation will contribute \$563,819 in cash, a grant and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1836)

**Woodinville** **\$75,000**  
**Renovating Civic Sports Fields**

Woodinville will use this grant to complete the construction of a large, lighted, artificial turf, multi-use sports field that will house four softball and youth baseball fields and two soccer and lacrosse fields. These fields, used extensively by Little League, youth soccer and recreation camps, are limited by poor field surface conditions, lack of lighting, damaged or obsolete equipment such as fencing backstops and bleachers, poor access for people with disabilities and no drinking fountains or covered dugouts. Seasonal closures often are required because of poor drainage. This project will increase the hours of field use from 2,337 to 5,250. Woodinville will contribute more than \$3 million in cash, cash donations and two grants. The project was the top ranked project of 20 competing statewide for funding in the improving category of the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1952)

**Vashon Youth Baseball and Softball** **\$75,000**  
**Improving a Vashon Athletic Field**

Vashon Youth Baseball is partnering with the Vashon Park District to use this grant to expand a baseball field and improve drainage at the Vashon North elementary site. Work will include rough grading and installation of drainage and irrigation systems, new top soils, fencing, backstop, dug outs, concrete, spectator benches and disabled parking. Crews also will relocate a batting cage and plant grass. The Vashon baseball and softball group will contribute \$160,450 in cash, a voter-approved levy and donations of cash, equipment, labor and materials. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1818)

Kitsap County Total .....\$250,000

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Poulsbo</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Developing a Field at Strawberry Multi-Use Community Fields**

Poulsbo will use this grant to develop an athletic field for year-around community use at the 9-acre Strawberry Multi-use Community Fields. Work will include grading, landscaping and adding drainage structures, synthetic turf and signs. About 3,600 people use North Kitsap community-based recreation programs and compete for field space. The only multi-use fields in the area are owned by the North Kitsap School District and are closed from November to March, and sometimes in the summer. A unique, multi-member partnership of public agencies and community sports and civic groups has come together to support this project. Poulsbo, the school district, Kitsap Public Facilities District, Rotary, landscaping firms and soccer, cross-country and lacrosse teams have committed funds and volunteers. Poulsbo will contribute \$996,557 in cash and donated equipment. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1647)

<b>Bainbridge Island Soccer Club</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
<b>Renovating a Battle Point Park Soccer Field</b>	

The Bainbridge Island Soccer Club will use this grant to renovate a sand soccer field in Battle Point Park. Work will include installing new drainage and an artificial surface. This field and a neighboring field are the only fields open in the winter in all of northern Kitsap County. This project will benefit the 4,761 local players and their visiting teams and will make the fields accessible to everyone. The soccer club is partnering with the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District, the city of Bainbridge Island, Bainbridge Island Lacrosse Clubs and Washington State Youth Soccer Association District IV. The Bainbridge Island Soccer Club will contribute \$587,351 in cash, cash donations and a grant. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1793)

<b>Department of Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Providing a Noise Enforcement Programs</b>	

The Department of Natural Resources will use two grants to establish a strong off-road vehicle (ORV) noise enforcement program in the Tahuya State Forest, near Bremerton, and also to monitor noise from ORVs using trails in Green Mountain State Forest. The grant will help pay for a noise education and enforcement specialist, who will contact off-road vehicle riders during group events and weekends to educate and enforce the allowable decibel levels coming from ORVs. The specialist also will meet with nearby landowners and ORV users to look at the design and location of trails near homes. The Tahuya and Green Mountain State Forests are open year-round and offer 183 miles of multiple-use trails, campgrounds, trail heads and miles of forest roads. The department will contribute \$13,205 in equipment, labor, materials and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles program. (07-1986 & 07-1988)

Kittitas County Total .....\$233,565

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Ellensburg</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Adding Lights to the West Ellensburg Park Softball Fields**

Ellensburg will use this grant to install lights at two softball fields in the 72-acre West Ellensburg Park sports complex. The city has no lit softball fields. The light poles will serve the two existing fields and two future fields. More than 30 adult teams, 53 youth teams and the Morgan Middle School baseball program use the park. Ellensburg will contribute \$175,000 in cash and a grant. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1934)

<b>Ellensburg</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
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**Constructing a Field at West Ellensburg Park**

Ellensburg will use this grant to build a full-sized baseball field at West Ellensburg Park, the city's 72-acre sports complex. The baseball field will serve youth baseball teams and baseball programs at Morgan Middle School, Ellensburg High School and Central Washington University. By adding a third, full-sized baseball field, Ellensburg hopes to become the baseball tournament capital of Washington. Ellensburg will contribute \$150,000 in cash and donations of cash, equipment and labor. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1944)

**U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Cle Elum Ranger District   \$8,565**  
**Purchasing Equipment, Staff for the Okanogan and Wenatchee Forests**

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to buy a sound meter, signs and staff and volunteer time to complete sound checks in areas near homes. The Cle Elum Ranger District, which covers the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, is one of the largest off-road vehicle recreation areas in Washington, offering more than 500 miles of trails. Many trail heads are near new residential areas, creating challenges for staff. Forest service staff would like to increase noise patrols, implement rules requiring off-road vehicles to be 96 decibels or below and educate users about how to ride responsibly and respectfully. The forest service will contribute \$1,248 in donated labor. This project was the top ranked project of 10 competing statewide for funding in the noise enforcement category of the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles program. (07-1989)

Mason County Total .....\$72,000

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Mason County</b>	<b>\$44,000</b>

**Renovating a Sandhill Park Field**

Mason County will use this grant to renovate one of seven ball fields at Sandhill Park, a major athletic complex near Belfair. Work will include replacing a backstop, installing a new infield and drainage and improving the outfield. The improvements will nearly triple the use of the field. Mason County will contribute \$47,000 in cash, equipment, labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1778)

<b>Mason County</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>
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**Improving the Mason County Recreation Area**

Mason County will use this grant to renovate ball fields in the Mason County Recreation Area, a major athletic complex near Shelton. Work will include adding drainage at two fields and installing new foul poles on all seven fields. Completing this project will allow for additional play on the fields during the spring. Last spring, 91 practices and games were lost because of wet fields. Mason County Youth Baseball Association will help with the renovation. Mason County will contribute \$30,000 in cash, equipment and labor. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1780)

Okanogan County Total .....\$213,750

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Okanogan County</b>	<b>\$213,750</b>

**Preserving Crown-S Ranch Farmland**

Okanogan County, in partnership with the Methow Conservancy, will use this grant to protect 49 acres of farmland in the Methow Valley through a permanent conservation easement. The Crown S Ranch is 2 miles south of Winthrop and is certified organic. The conservation easement will prevent subdivision, limit residential development and prevent loss of prime farmland while supporting the agricultural economy of the county. Because the property has easy access to Highway 20, mountain views, privacy and flat ground, it is desirable for a housing development. Without the easement, the farm likely would be divided into up to ten home sites. The easement provides a connection between four existing conservation easements in the Winthrop-Twisp farm corridor. The Methow Conservancy has been working to protect farmland in this priority area since 1998 and holds easements on 1,868 acres. Okanogan County will contribute \$213,750 from a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (07-1571A)

See also: Multiple Counties headline at the end of this document.

Pend Oreille County Total.....\$125,000

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Pend Oreille County</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Renovating the Ellersick Memorial Soccer Field and Track**

Pend Oreille County will use this grant to create a multipurpose soccer and football field and renovate a dirt track. Currently, the site includes a dirt track and a football field with an area for jumping events along one edge of the field. Crews will pave and resurface the dirt track to create an all-weather, eight-lane surface track. They also will move the jumping area out of the field, allowing the field to be used for football and soccer. Newport only has an elementary, non-regulation play field for soccer. The county and community groups have raised more than half the total cost of this project. The facilities are used by all ages throughout the region for activities including rodeo, baseball, soccer, football, track, skate boarding and others. Pend Oreille County will contribute \$109,717 in donations of cash, labor and materials. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1815)

<b>U.S. Forest Service, Colville National Forest, Newport Ranger District</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Hiring a Sound Enforcement Ranger</b>	

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to hire two, part-time rangers for two years and buy sound monitoring equipment and equipment training. Working in the Pend Oreille Valley, the rangers will establish a forum for local law enforcement agencies to collaborate on noise issues and educate off-road vehicle (ORV) riders on safety while placing emphasis on noise regulation. The rangers are needed because of a 300 percent increase in trails open to ORV users. The forest service will contribute \$3,000 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles program. (07-1990)

Pierce County Total .....\$1,266,370

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Key Peninsula Little League</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Renovating a Volunteer Park Field**

The Key Peninsula Little League will use this grant to renovate a baseball field in Volunteer Park. Built on clay without any subsurface drainage, the field has flooding problems that have greatly damaged the field and led to the need for a retaining wall to protect the field from further damage. Work will include changing the irrigation system, installing new backstop fencing and increasing and improving access from the parking area to the field for people with disabilities. Volunteer Park harbors the only high school regulation baseball field, as well as the only lit play field on Key Peninsula. These improvements will make the field more playable and increase its use. Key Peninsula

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Little League will contribute \$112,860 in labor, cash and donations of cash, equipment and labor. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1958)

**Orting** **\$150,000**  
**Building Gratzner Ball Fields**

Orting will use this grant to construct a baseball field and a softball field on 2.5 acres in the city's newest park, Gratzner Park. The new fields will help the city meet the current demand for youth and adult softball and baseball playing fields. Work will include adding a small gravel parking lot, bleachers and pathways. Orting will contribute \$195,000. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1711)

**Pierce County** **\$750,000**  
**Protecting Orting Valley Farms**

Pierce County will use this grant to buy conservation easements that remove development rights and allow five farmers to purchase a portion of the Orting Valley Farms and establish working farms. The Orting Valley Farms is a partnership between Pierce County, PCC Farmland Trust and private organic farmers to preserve a productive 100-acre farm. The Puyallup River Valley, and this farm in particular, are facing increasing pressure to develop. Located on the Puyallup River and in agricultural production since the late 1800s, the farm has highly productive, prime agricultural soils, excellent farm-to-market access, water rights, irrigation systems and infrastructure. The property is priority habitat for White River elk, includes Copeland Creek and is in an open space corridor between Mount Rainier National Park and Commencement Bay. Pierce County will contribute \$800,000 in cash, conservation futures<sup>4</sup>, and a donation of \$25,000 from the PCC Farmland Trust. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (07-1597A)

**Pierce County** **\$291,370**  
**Preserving Terry's Berries Farm**

Pierce County will use this grant to buy the development rights on the 21-acre Terry's Berries Farm, between east Tacoma and Puyallup. By removing the development rights and reducing the real estate value of the farm, the heirs will be able to afford to compensate each other for its fair market value, thus reducing the likelihood of the need to sell to developers. The farm rests on some of the most productive soils west of the Cascade Mountains, surrounded by other agricultural uses. Its proximity to the urban fringe makes it a strategic location for development. More than 2,000 school children tour the farm every year. Allowing children and families an opportunity to understand how food is grown is integral to promoting conservation and supporting local farming as a valued profession and community need. Pierce County will contribute \$291,371 in conservation futures.<sup>5</sup> This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (07-1604A)

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<sup>4</sup> Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.

<sup>5</sup> Same as above.

Snohomish County Total.....\$1,233,920

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>Marysville</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

**Improving Strawberry Fields Park**

Marysville will use this grant to install a drainage system at three soccer fields, and two net systems to keep balls from entering parking lots and roads. Several months during the past three years, the park has closed because of standing water. The drainage system is needed to allow year-round use and improve field conditions for the city's only soccer field complex. This project will dramatically improve the quality and durability of the turf and extend playing time annually. Marysville will contribute \$58,340. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1723)

<b>Monroe</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>
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**Installing Drainage at Sky River Park Sports Fields**

Monroe will use this grant to install a drainage system at four baseball and three soccer fields in the 32-acre Sky River Park. The fields are used heavily by youth and adult baseball, softball and soccer teams. The fields have been unusable October through March, and parts of April, May and September because of a lack of drainage. This drainage improvement will allow an additional 300 games and 500 practice hours annually. Monroe will contribute \$225,000. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1862)

<b>Snohomish County</b>	<b>\$280,710</b>
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**Preserving the Biderbost Farm**

Snohomish County will use this grant to buy development rights on 59 acres of the Biderbost Farm, which is a half-mile south of Monroe and adjacent to 65 acres that will be developed within five years. The farm, established in 1948, is used to provide forage for livestock and has prime agricultural soils. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service recently selected the Biderbost Farm for preservation. The Biderbost family has been farming in the Tualco Valley area for 100 years. Its long-term commitment to farming, combined with the farm's highly productive soils, proximity to major markets, water rights and existing infrastructure make the Biderbost farm a valuable component of Snohomish County's agricultural economy. Snohomish County will contribute \$280,710 from a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (07-1607A)

<b>Snohomish County</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
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**Protecting Peoples Ranch**

Snohomish County will use this grant to buy development rights on 240 acres of the regionally significant Peoples Ranch in the Tualco Valley, a historically farmed area that is experiencing increased development pressure. Peoples Ranch is the center of operations for the Hollandia Dairy Farm, which was established in 1990. The dairy milks

500 cows, grows and harvests 130 acres of green chop and raises milk and heifer cattle. Peoples Ranch is 5 miles south of Monroe and abuts a continuous block of protected farmland totaling 845 acres. The soils on the farm are classified as prime farmland soils. The dairy is actively restoring riparian areas and has enrolled 28 acres of land in a federal conservation program. The Hollandia Dairy Farm's extensive infrastructure, proximity to major markets and commitment to best management practices make the farm a vital component of the local dairy industry. Snohomish County will contribute \$884,420 in conservation futures<sup>6</sup> and a federal grant. This was the top ranked project of 16 competing for funding in the farmland category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (07-1611A)

**Snohomish County** **\$78,210**  
**Protecting Willie Greens Organic Farm**

Snohomish County will use this grant to purchase development rights on 42 acres of the regionally important Willie Greens Organic Farm. Willie Greens grows more than 50 varieties of organic fruits, vegetables and berries. The farm is less than 2 miles south of Monroe and adjacent to a 63-acre farm that is protected by an easement. The farm's soils are classified as prime farmland soils. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service recently selected Willie Greens for preservation. Willie Greens' commitment to sustainable farming practices, combined with the farm's highly productive soils, proximity to major markets, and extensive infrastructure make the farm a valuable component of Snohomish County's agricultural economy. Snohomish County will contribute \$78,210 from a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (07-1610A)

**Spokane County Total** .....\$118,977

**Grant Recipient** **Grant Award**  
**Liberty Lake** **\$86,197**  
**Building a Skate Park in Liberty Lake**

Liberty Lake will partner with the Liberty 5-0 Skate Park Committee to construct an 8,000-square-foot community skate park at Pavillion Park. The skate park will be a modular park with design elements that will appeal to the beginner and intermediate riders. Currently, there are no skateboarding facilities in Liberty Lake, leaving the streets as the only public place to ride. The Liberty 5-0 Skate Park Committee formed to provide the youth of Liberty Lake a quality skateboard facility and has organized monthly community meetings to evaluate the need of a park and the features desired. More than 60 adults and children turned out for the first official skate park meeting. Liberty Lake will contribute \$89,716 in cash and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1963)

<sup>6</sup> Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.

**Spokane County** **\$32,780**

**Developing a Noise Enforcement Program**

The Spokane County Parks Department will use this grant to develop a functional off-road vehicle (ORV) noise enforcement program. In 2007, Spokane County received 870 noise-related complaints. However, local law enforcement does not have trained employee or equipment to adequately respond to noise complaints. With grant funding, local law enforcement officers will receive the training and tools needed to respond to ORV noise complaints. Trained officers will contact ORV users, ORV park neighbors, and community members; test noise levels of ORVs at trails and trail heads, on back roads and in ORV parks and neighborhoods; and provide informational materials to ORV riders, at ORV dealerships and on the county's web page. The county will contribute \$1,300 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles program. (07-1991)

**Thurston County Total** **\$105,000**

**Grant Recipient** **Grant Award**  
**Black Hills Community Soccer** **\$105,000**

**Blackhills Soccer Complex/Lights,Irrigation,Trail**

Black Hills Community Soccer will use this grant to complete development of year-round soccer fields at a new soccer complex south of Olympia. Work will include buying and installing irrigation equipment, goals and nets for all ten fields and lighting for two fields. The new fields will relieve the overuse of school fields, which host school use, baseball and football. In addition, the new fields will enable fall and winter evening play for competitive teams. Black Hills Community Soccer will contribute \$115,000 in cash and donations of cash, equipment, labor and materials. This project was the top ranked project of 25 competing for funding in the new category of the Youth Athletic Facilities program. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1959)

**Whatcom County Total** .....**\$75,000**

**Grant Recipient** **Grant Award**  
**City of Sumas** **\$75,000**

**Lighting Bowen Field**

Sumas will use this grant to install lighting at two, new baseball fields at Bowen Field. The fields will be ready for play this spring. Adding lights will increase the numbers of teams that can use the fields and extend the length of time that tournaments can be hosted. Sumas will contribute \$98,420. This grant is from the Youth Athletic Facilities program. (07-1937)

Yakima County Total .....\$596,820

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Naches Ranger District</b>	<b>\$20,170</b>
<b>Expanding the Noise Education Program</b>	

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to expand its off-road vehicle (ORV) education program in the Naches Ranger District. The district has about 250 miles of trail dedicated to motorized uses on 300,000 acres. Specifically, the grant will be used to buy law enforcement-grade sound testing equipment, training, calibration service and equipment, employees and expenses. The employees will contact riders, visit local dealerships, attend club meetings, participate in skill training workshops and attend ORV events to educate people about noise issues. The forest service will contribute \$8,800 in labor and donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles program. (07-2001)

<b>Yakima County</b>	<b>\$576,650</b>
<b>Preserving Rattlesnake Hills Working Rangelands</b>	

Yakima County will use this grant to buy development rights on 1,229 acres of grazing land in the rapidly developing Rattlesnake Hills. The landowner is seeking a conservation easement to counter offers from a developer looking to build a winery and golf course resort. Nearly half of the property is ranked as farmland of statewide importance with the remaining acres valued for livestock forage. The property is in a key habitat corridor that connects the last remaining large shrub steppe properties in Washington. Greater sage-grouse, jackrabbits, Ferruginous hawks and other animals will benefit by protecting this property from development. The landowner wishes to permit public access to the property, allowing people to observe working rangelands, Mount Adams and Mount Rainier. Yakima County will contribute \$576,650 from a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (07-1574A)

Multiple Counties Total .....\$29,015

*Chelan and Okanogan Counties*

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
<b>U.S. Forest Service, Wenatchee National Forest, Entiat Ranger District</b>	<b>\$29,015</b>
<b>Expanding the Noise Education and Enforcement Program</b>	

The U.S. Forest Service will use this grant to provide training, equipment and salary for the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest Central Zone Backcountry Education and Enforcement Program, which spans four ranger districts in Chelan and Okanogan Counties. The rangers manage 400 miles of trails open to motorized users, mostly set in road-less areas and contact more than 20,000 trail users annually. The education and

enforcement program covers areas in a pristine setting, and noise is the number one complaint of non-motorized trail users. The forest service will contribute \$7,900 in donated labor. This grant is from the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicles program.  
(07-1996)