

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION

NO. 2012-059

**TO APPROVE THE USE OF DISTRESSED COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX
FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS
TO THE CITY OF KITTITAS**

- WHEREAS:** The City of Kittitas was awarded Distressed Sales & Use funding on three separate occasions by the COG. On all three occasions the applications were not awarded in their entirety so projects were awarded out in schedules; and
- WHEREAS:** The funding was awarded to eligible projects that were interconnected but phased out in order to meet costs. There are leftover funds from the first two phases of the project; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Kittitas is requesting these leftover Distressed Sales & Use Tax funds be made available to the third and final phase of their storm drainage/sidewalk project; and
- WHEREAS:** The COG is recommending the BOCC approve the City of Kittitas request to use the leftover funds from the first two phases of the project to complete the third and final phase.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of County Commissioners, after due consideration, does hereby accept the Conference of Government's recommendations to approve the City of Kittitas request to use the leftover funds from the first two phases of the eligible project to complete the third and final phase.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Public Works Department will manage the Public Facilities Account.

DATED this 1st day of May, 2012, at Ellensburg, Washington.


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Tony Helland Mayor

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Members of Kittitas County Council Of Governments
Dear Council Members

The City of Kittitas has been diligently working to complete improvements in the Central Business District to help attract new businesses, promote and retain existing businesses, and improve public facilities that support economic development. With COG's help the City has recently constructed sidewalks along Main Street, a storm drain line on Railroad Avenue, and has funds to construct additional storm drain facilities. The City believes that these improvements will have a significant impact on the community for many years and is very grateful to COG for the financial assistance it has provided.

Kittitas has received three separate COG grants to complete sidewalks on Main Street and storm drain improvements on three streets that serve the downtown corridor: Railroad Avenue, First Avenue, and Third Avenue. The storm drain improvements would collect water from Main Street and convey it to the City's existing storm drain system. The City has applied to COG for funds to complete the work on all three streets on separate occasions, although each time was awarded less than the total request. In early 2011, when funds could be utilized from the first two grants, the City bid the Main Street / Patrick Avenue Improvements project, optimistic that given a favorable bidding climate it could complete the storm drainage work on at least two of the streets. To provide some flexibility, the City cut the storm drain work into three separate schedules of work and bid them all with the option to award as much work as the funds would allow.

Unfortunately the funding the City received was only sufficient to complete the work on Railroad Avenue. To complete the project the City applied to COG for the third grant in 2011 for storm drain work on First Avenue and Third Avenue and was again awarded funds, although less than the full request. Funds awarded through this request could not be expended until 2012, and the City is now exploring options to best utilize the money and complete the storm drain work.

The City has only a few minor items of work to finalize its Main Street/Patrick Avenue project, and is waiting until later this spring for better weather. After reviewing the funding for this project, it appears that by combining the remaining funds from all three COG grants there may be sufficient funds to complete all of the storm drain work as part of this project. The City believes that the scope of work identified in the original grant applications would allow for this, but is requesting approval from COG prior to proceeding. If it is acceptable to COG, the City will add the additional work as a change order to its current Main Street/Patrick Avenue Sidewalk Improvements project at its original bid price.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, or would like any additional information about the project, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely

Tony Helland,
Mayor, City of Kittitas