

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF KITTITAS  
STATE OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION

NO. 2011-067

**TO AWARD THE 2012 DISTRESSED COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX FUNDS  
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS**

- WHEREAS:** The 1999 Legislature did pass RCW 82.14.370 Sales and Use Tax for Public Facilities in rural counties; and
- WHEREAS:** These funds are for the purpose of financing Public Facilities which are defined as bridges, roads, domestic and industrial water facilities, sanitary sewer facilities, earth stabilization, storm sewer facilities, railroad, electricity, natural gas, buildings, structures, telecommunications infrastructure, transportation infrastructure or commercial infrastructure and port facilities in the state of Washington.
- WHEREAS:** The COG as directed, met on July 20, 2011, to review the applications to consider if they met the economic development needs of the county and communities within the county; and
- WHEREAS:** The COG is presenting the results and their recommendations for the funding as shown in Exhibit 'A'; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2012 Sales and Use Tax Funding will be available on January 1, 2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Board of County Commissioners, after due consideration, does hereby accept the Conference of Government's recommendations to distribute the 2012 Sales and Use Tax for Public Facilities in Rural Counties in accordance with RCW 82.14.370 as shown in Exhibit 'A'.

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

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2011, at Ellensburg, Washington.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



  
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## KITTITAS COUNTY CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS

July 21, 2011

Board of County Commissioners  
205 W. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Commissioners,

The Conference of Governments (COG) convened on July 20, 2011, to consider the merits of funding of three (3) applications competing for approximately \$250,000 of Distressed County Sales & Use Tax for the purpose of improving a community's infrastructure in hopes of creating a more positive economic development climate. The table reflects the project name, the amount requested and the COG recommended funding.

Project Name	Requesting Agency	Sales & Use Tax Funding Requested	Sales & Use Tax Funding Received
Finance of Personnel Per RCW 82.14.370	Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce	\$50,000	\$50,000
Rotary Park Parking Lot Construction	City of Ellensburg	\$140,659.20	\$100,000
Downtown Stormwater Improvements Phase II	City of Kittitas	\$155,000	\$100,000

The COG reviewed all the applications and applauds each applicant for the thoroughness of each of the submittals. Since not every project was funded fully, the list represents what the COG felt would have immediate economic impact on the individual communities. The COG took the position that once these funds were expended there should be a tangible project that either immediately improves economic development or provides a design that leads to construction. These projects are worthy candidates for economic development dollars but the application and project scope need to lead to a completed project.

Copies of the applications are attached along with the final score sheet with recommended funding priorities. Thank you for the opportunity to play a critical role in the evaluation and application of funds that will assist in improving the economic development picture for the entire Kittitas Valley community and we recommend you approve the funded projects as submitted.

Sincerely,



Jerry Pettit  
Conference of Government Chair

Cc: All Applicants  
All COG Members  
Mandy Weed, Clerk