

Capital Improvement Grants – Washington Agricultural Fairs

For the 2015-2017 biennium, the Washington State Legislature provided \$2 million in capital funds to be distributed to eligible Washington State Fairs for “safety and health” improvements on fairgrounds. Awards were based upon a competitive application process which ended October 18, 2015.

The funding provides dollars “to local governments and nonprofit organizations...to support capital projects that make health or safety improvements to agricultural fair grounds or fair facilities in order to benefit participants and the fair-going public.”

- There were 92 submissions, representing 41 fairs throughout the state (many fairs submitted more than one request).
- The Fairs Commissioners reviewed each proposal and recommended funding the #1 priority request for each fair that submitted applications.
- Based upon the recommendation from the Fair Commissioners, the director approved funding of 41 requests. These included a mix of county/area and community fairs in both western and eastern Washington.

Fair - Westside	Fair – Eastside ↓	Grant amount	Description of project
Castle Rock Community		\$21,467.16	Concrete slab in swine building
Clark County		\$90,000	Build a restroom
Cowlitz County		\$14,987.76	Upgrade exterior lighting
Evergreen State Fair		\$25,000	Remodel beef pavilion bathroom
Grays Harbor County		\$90,000	Replace bathroom #7 with pre-manufactured bathroom
Island Area Fair		\$49,200	Upgrade electrical and fire systems in the Pole Building
Kitsap County		\$49,200	Repair hazards, update electrical & fire systems, install gutters
Lacamas Community		\$49,200	Remodel the Old Hall building
NW WA Fair (Whatcom)		\$90,000	Replace grandstand bleachers and upgrade lighting
Pacific County		\$4,250	Purchase hand washing stations
Pierce County		\$42,792.98	Install lighting and power outlets
San Juan County		\$81,000	Replace the horse barn
Skagit County		\$15,392.35	Replace roof on barn building F
SW WA Fair (Lewis)		\$58,500	Replace roof on the Community Events building
Stanwood Camano		\$11,358	Replace/rebuild horse arena fencing and gates

Community			
Thurston County		\$54,000	Build restroom/shower facility in horse area
Wahkiakum County		\$89,964	Remodel restrooms
Washington State Fair		\$25,000	Upgrade the ground fault circuit interrupter system in livestock barn
	Asotin County	\$30,000	Enclose waste manure pits
	Benton Franklin	\$15,000	Install electrical in camping area
	Central WA Jr. Livestock	\$2,000	Install septic/storage tank to collect wash rack runoff
	Central WA (Yakima)	\$90,000	Replace restrooms in agriculture building
	Clayton Community	\$21,000	Add a lean-to to the goat barn
	Columbia County	\$54,000	Install HVAC in Pavilion building
	Ferry County	\$73,890.61	Construct two pole buildings over the horse stalls
	Garfield County	\$65,001.36	Build restrooms
	Grant County	\$90,000	Replace bathroom #7 with pre-manufactured bathroom
	Jefferson County	\$16,000	Replace event tent structure with a building
	Kittitas County	\$54,250	Replace rodeo arena footings
	Klickitat County	\$72,000	Replace livestock barn walls and floors
	Lincoln County	\$38,920.15	Upgrade fire suppression system in kitchens
	NE WA Fair (Stevens)	\$19,235	Replace bottom of support posts in west horse barn
	Okanogan County	\$90,000	Replace grandstand
	Palouse Empire	\$10,923.50	Purchase and install restrooms
	SE Spokane County	\$90,000	Demolish and rebuild concession stands
	Spokane County Interstate	\$49,200	Resurface main exhibition building floor
	Valley Community	\$4,000	Purchase goat pens
	Walla Walla Fair	\$90,000	Remodel Community Center building
	West Valley Fair	\$25,000	Build ADA compliant asphalt walkways throughout the fair
	Yakima Valley Fair	\$39,350	Replace bleachers
	Yakima Valley Jr Fair	\$38,771	Enclose drainage ditch