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County offers parks and recreation grants

Under a proposal launched by Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, local organizations building sports and recreational facilities now can compete for grants as part of the new Youth Amenities and Recreation Development grant program (YARD Grants).

YARD Grants will provide matching grant funding to youth sports or community organizations – in partnership with public entities such as the county, cities or school districts – proposing to rehabilitate, expand or develop sports fields, playgrounds and other recreational facilities serving youth in Snohomish County.

The program is part of the Community Enhancement Initiative proposed by Executive Reardon as part of the 2008 county budget.

“These grants will allow us to partner with stakeholders to provide community-based recreational facilities for Snohomish County youth,” Reardon said. “Youth sports and other community organizations are part of the fabric of our county and we look forward to partnering with them.”

A total of \$450,000 is allocated to the grant program. Successful applicants will receive up to \$75,000 to assist in the construction of the facilities described in their proposals.

Selected organizations must match grant proceeds with cash or volunteer labor.

Application materials will be available on the Snohomish County Web site and can be downloaded by going to www.snoco.org, and searching “Parks.” Applications are due March 7, and should be returned to Parks Administration, Willis Tucker Park, 6705 Puget Park Dr., Snohomish, WA 98296, or e-mailed to Russ Bosanko at russ.bosanko@co.snohomish.wa.us.

Successful applicants will be announced in May.

Questions and technical assistance in application preparation is available by calling Snohomish County Parks at 425-388-6600.

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