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Background

- Small City Economic Development Program is defined by **Resolution 2024-03**.
- The SCEDP provides funding to small communities in Thurston County (population under 15,000) for economic development activities.
- Funds can be used for feasibility work, infrastructure readiness, business district improvements, recreation facilities, and other capital initiatives that support local economies.
- Applications were distributed on October 15, 2025
- Response deadline was November 14, 2025.

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City of Bucoda

RV Park Rehabilitation

- Request: \$20,000.
- Scope includes 50-amp electrical upgrades, restroom/shower improvements, gravel pads, picnic tables, fire rings, and septic rehabilitation.
- The project enhances tourism draw and creates new part-time positions.



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Rochester

Historical Research Archives

- Request: \$20,000.
- Project develops a long-term plan for a historical research and document preservation facility within the school district building.
- Includes professional archivist/historian services, community engagement, and design work.



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City of Rainier

Sports Court Surveillance & Safety Upgrade

- Request: \$20,000.
- Installation of surveillance cameras covering courts, trails, parking areas, and restrooms to reduce vandalism and support safe recreation.
- Project is shovel-ready with vendor quotes in place. Public safety improvements support community vitality.



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City of Tenino

Sport Court Improvements & Downtown Revitalization Activation

- Request: \$20,000
- Two components:
 - Matching funds for basketball & pickleball court upgrades
 - Downtown activation: picnic tables, garbage cans, flowers, partial street closure at Howard Street.
- High visibility project with strong business district benefit; excellent leveraging of other state capital and arts funds.



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City of Yelm

Park Signage Modernization

- Request: \$20,000.
- Project provides standardized identification, wayfinding, and regulatory signage across Yelm's park system, including ADA improvements, fabrication, and installation.
- Clear scope and strong project management timeline.



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Questions and Comments

Suggested Motion...

"...move to approve the 2025-2026 funding of \$100,000 for supporting the small city economic development projects consistent with the submitted applications."

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