

A creative and diversified strategy is critical in today's challenging financial environment. KPMPD must have a sound financial plan to acquire property, develop property, maintain existing parks, and fund parks and recreation programs. The following list is just some financial methods to fund parks and recreation, but some of the methods have restrictions on how the funds can be used.

- General Fund -- Pierce County sales tax collected (Zoo/Trek)
- User Fees – Fees collected to use/rent facilities or to participate in programs or events
- Property Taxes
- Donations – Donations may come in many different aspects; cash, land, services, labor and equipment. Donations may come from a private individual, companies, or non-profit organizations.
- Grants — Funds from grants can come from either private foundation or government agency and usually require a match of some sort.
 - Major source of Government Grants in Washington is Recreation Conservation Office (ROC).
 - BFP Boating Facilities Program
 - LWCR Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - NOVA Nonhighway Roads
 - NOVA Nonmotorized
 - NOVA Off-Road Vehicles
 - WWRP Habitat Conservation – Critical Habitat, Natural Areas, State Lands Restoration, and Urban Wildlife Habitat
 - WWRP Outdoor Recreation – Local Parks, State Lands Development, State Parks, Trails and Water Access
 - WWRP Riparian Protection Account
 - ALEA Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
 - FARR Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
 - NRTP National Recreation Trails Program
 - WWRP Farmlands Preservation Account
 - YAF Youth Athletic Facilities Program
- General Obligation Bonds- requires supermajority of 60% approval of 40% of the voters who voted in last election. These bonds are typically used for capital projects.
- Revenue Bonds: No vote of public is needed. Operation funds are used to pay on the bonds as per State of Washington Law.
- REET: Real Estate Excise Tax can only be used for capital projects (acquisition, development, and renovation) and requires a 1 to 1 match.
- Reserves: Funds accumulated over time, that may be used when commissioners vote on their use.
- Partnerships and Sponsorships

- Conservation Futures: Program administrated by Pierce County Parks to help local agencies and non-profit organizations acquire various types of open space in Pierce County.
- Impact Fees: Collected and distributed by Pierce County and must relate to improvements of the new development.
- Leases: Either for space or land.

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