

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD
REQUEST FOR: FEDERAL FOREST PAYMENTS: TITLE III PROJECTS**

Cowlitz County is considering funding certain projects that might qualify for Title III funding under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, as amended and re-authorized in 2008 in Public Law 110-343. The County is considering funding those projects under Title III Federal funds that may qualify to carry out a Firewise Communities Program; to reimburse for emergency services paid for by counties and performed on Federal lands such as search and rescue or firefighting activities; to provide training costs and equipment purchases directly related to emergency services; and to develop community wildfire protection plans.

There is currently approximately **\$20,000.00** of Title III monies available. The Board of Commissioners may award some or all of this allocation and may fund one project or several smaller projects.

Information about the Federal Forest Payments Program or the project proposals can be obtained from the Office of Financial Mgt, Room 308, County Admin Bldg, 207 N. 4th Ave., Kelso, WA, telephone: 360-577-3065, ext. 6987 or by email adminserviceshared@cowlitzwa.gov

Cowlitz County is accepting 45-day written comment on these project proposals from June 6 until July 22, 2024. Cowlitz County is accepting written comment on these project proposals until **4:30 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2024.** Request to review proposals received or to provide written comments should be submitted to:

Kathy Funk-Baxter, County Finance Manager
Cowlitz County Office of Financial Management
County Admin Bldg,
207 N. 4th Ave., Room 308
Kelso, WA 98626.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 9:45 a.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, County Admin Bldg, 207 N. 4th Ave, Kelso WA, to consider comments obtained from the 45-day comment period prior to selection of the proposals. Before awarding funds, the Board of Commissioners will consider written comments received on such projects and proposals.

PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT: To be published in one (1) issue: June 6, 2024.

**BILLING INFORMATION:
AFFIDAVITS & BILLS TO:**

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Ridge Moss, Accounting Specialist
207 N. 4th Ave, Room 308
Kelso, WA 98626

Cowlitz County
Board of Commissioners
Kelly Dombrowsky, Clerk
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