



**Public Power Benefits
Proposed Projects and Funding for 2024
September 18, 2023**

Strategic Priority:

Enhance the quality of life in Chelan County through programs that distribute the benefits of public power



Why Are We Here Today?

Looking for direction to move forward with:

- **Proposed Projects for 2024**
- **Program Funding Options for 2024**

NOTE: many other PPB projects are in-flight for 2024 and beyond. These will continue, but do not need to be funded for 2024. E.g., Day Use Parks Pass.

Proposed Project Funding for 2024

After initial vetting for statutory authority and alignment with District programs, a committee reviewed 12 proposals and selected five projects for Board consideration.

Project	2024 Funding Recommendation
Fiber – Final Year of 11-year Plan	\$2.1M
Fiber – Bridge Funding for Design	\$750k
Stehekin Reliability – Phase 1	\$1.0M
Manson – Old Swim Hole Connection to Manson Bay (PUD Park)	\$500K
5 th Street Campus Redevelopment	\$4.0M
Total	\$8.35M

Fiber – Final Funding Year of Plan

2024 is the final funding year of the Board's commitment to expand Fiber throughout the county. Including this request for \$2.1M, the Board will have allocated \$27.0M to complete expansion and infill for targeted areas previously without access to Fiber. Construction of expansion activities is forecast to be complete in 2026.

Request for 2024: \$2.1M

Estimated completion date: 2026

Fiber –Funding for Finalization of Plan

Funding this project allows design for expansion areas needed to develop finalization of the plan. The \$750K is for the current consultant, Burns & McDonnell, to develop preliminary designs and cost estimates for additional fiber expansion areas within the County. This work will inform the Fiber department and Commission on costs associated with expansion areas for future decisions.

Request for 2024: \$750k

Estimated completion date: 2024

Stehekin Reliability – Phase 1

Hydro generation is insufficient to meet needs during peak times and the plant itself requires modernization. (E.g., the plant relies on mechanical controls and the District has no remote monitoring.) This situation is not expected to improve based on projections of population and load growth. Since the initial investigation of a battery system, options have increased. This request is to further evaluate alternatives.

Request for 2024: \$1.0M

Estimated completion date: 2024

Manson – Old Swim Hole Connection to Manson Bay

Manson Parks & Rec is proposing a connection to an existing PUD-owned park and recreation area via an elevated boardwalk with supporting environmental protection (e.g., shoreline restoration) and habitat restoration. The proposed project would connect the planned improvements at the Old Swim Hole to Manson Bay Park and would provide pedestrians safe, continuous access between both parks.

Request for 2024: \$500k

Estimated completion date: TBD (Grant Dependent)

5th Street Campus Redevelopment (Electric Avenue)

In support of the community vision for the 5th street property, the PUD will be responsible for the construction of an internal roadway and sidewalk through the campus that would connect all the separate parcels/uses. Consistent with the Redevelopment Plan (Collins Woreman, 2020), this access road will be known as “Electric Avenue.”

Request for 2024: \$4.0M

Estimated completion date: 2025

Funding Options: Three Potential Options

The projects under consideration exceed prior Board approved PPB funding by \$2.35M. Three options for Board consideration include:

- **Increase total PPB funding from \$6.0M to \$8.35M**
 - + Allows all proposed projects to move forward.
 - Higher cost
 - Does not allow funding for new projects as they arise.
- **Consider a \$4M one-time allocation for the 5th Street Campus.**
 - + Allows additional projects to be considered as they arise.
 - Higher cost
- **Only select projects within the \$6.0M approved funding.**
 - + Consistent with approved funding.
 - Not all proposed projects can be funded.

Next Steps

- Board direction for 2024 funding and proposed projects
- Depending on direction, consider timing of returning for Board action
- Re-evaluate Public Power Benefits Program during strategic planning in 2024

QUESTIONS?



Appendix

- Eligibility requirements and considerations for PPB

Eligibility Requirements and Considerations for PPB

Only requests that meet these program requirements will be eligible for consideration of funding:

- Must be within statutory authority (RCW Title 54) and be consistent with anti-gifting provisions of WA State Constitution
- Proposals must have a nexus or causal relationship to District activities and actions
- Construction projects should be completed on District-owned or leased property (or the District must have the ability to gain sufficient interest to ensure long-term viability)
- Proposal is not better addressed through another program or similar effort? (HCP, license articles, relicensing, etc.)
- If there is a business case to proceed with the proposal, then such effort should be evaluated outside of PPB as part of normal business planning process