

Section 5: Funding and Finance (Review at RFAPC)

Finance Sub-Approved Date: _____

RFAPC-Approved Date: _____

Interim RFA Finances

The Cities of Camas and Washougal will provide the RFA with interim funding **not to exceed \$4,616,593 in order to support its operations from January 1, 2026, until June 1, 2026**, at which time the RFA will begin receiving ad valorem taxes from the new RFA Levy. An interlocal agreement between the RFA and the Cities will specify the proportional allocation for each city's amount to loan, how the RFA shall seek drawdowns of such funds, and the terms for the RFA to repay the borrowed monies. All funds obtained by each of the two cities from Camas and Washougal Emergency Medical Services Levies, fire code permit fees, and other miscellaneous revenues will be transferred to the RFA by an agreement.

RFA Revenues

The RFA intends to utilize the following funding sources during the initial years of its existence:

- Ad valorem property taxes, pursuant to RCW 52.26.140 and RCW 52.26.050, with **an initial fire levy rate set at \$1.0? per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.**
- Revenues from ad valorem property taxes under the **existing EMS Levies** of each city will be transferred to the RFA through an agreement between the Clark County Treasurer and the RFA.
- Contract payments for **East County Fire & Rescue EMS levy revenues** shall be transferred to the RFA through an agreement between the Clark County Treasurer and the RFA.
- The RFA will charge and collect **ground ambulance transport fees** in accordance with policies adopted by the RFA Governing Board.
- **Impact fees** allowed and collected by law and by the ordinances of Camas and Washougal shall be transferred to the RFA through agreements between the Cities of Camas and Washougal and the RFA.
- To the extent permitted by law, the RFA Governance Board shall have the **authority to pursue contracts** with agencies and entities exempt from property taxes in accordance with RCW 52.30.020 and related statutes.
- The RFA shall execute interlocal agreements with the cities of Camas and Washougal to collect and remit **permit, plan review, and inspection fees** collected by each city.

Policy

The RFA governing body on or after the Effective Date shall establish a Reserve Fund Balance policy and approve an Equipment Replacement Plan and Capital Improvement Plan with considerations made in the transitional finance assumptions.

Transition

The FUNDING AND FINANCE section of the RFA Plan is subject to amendment or revision only by a majority vote of the RFA Governing Board.