


Jefferson County  
Board of Commissioners  
Agenda Request

**To:** Board of Commissioners  
Philip Morley, County Administrator

**From:** Frank Gifford, Public Works Director 

**Agenda Date:** August 23, 2010

**Subject:** Courthouse Roof Stabilization Project  
Letter of Support to:  
Congressman Norm Dicks  
Senator Patty Murray  
Senator Maria Cantwell

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**Statement of Issue:**

These three letters are intended to show support for the HUD-Economic Development Initiative Grants that the Department of Public Works applied for in February of this year. This potential appropriation would support funding goals of the Courthouse Roof Stabilization Project.

**Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's:**

In addition to funding the project directly, a grant award of federal funds would support matching requirements for State grant funds.

**Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis:**

These grant funds provide a part of the funding for the Courthouse Roof Stabilization Project. No cash match is required for this grant program.

**Recommendation:**

The Board is asked to sign the attached three original Letters and return to Public Works for distribution.

**Department Contact:** Frank Gifford, Director of Public Works, 385-9175

**Reviewed By:**

  
Phillip Morley, County Administrator

  
Date



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August 23, 2010

The Honorable Patty Murray  
United States Senate  
173 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Jefferson County Courthouse Roof Stabilization Project

Dear Senator Murray:

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Contact Gordon Ramstrom, Project Architect at 360-385-9380, or via email at [gramstrom@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:gramstrom@co.jefferson.wa.us) with any questions that you may have about this project.

We again seek the support of the HUD-Economic Development Initiative program to partner with us in our goal toward rehabilitating the entire Courthouse.

Sincerely,

David W. Sullivan, Chair

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