

Making the pitch for sports-venue cash

1 SONICS AND STORM ARENA

New multipurpose arena in Bellevue or other suburb. Also would host concerts and other events and would be suitable for an NHL team.

- Cost: unknown
- Public money requested: Unknown. Previous team owners sought more than \$200 million. New owners expected to issue proposal early next month.

2 NASCAR TRACK

Florida racetrack developer wants to build an 80,000-seat racetrack in Kitsap County.

- Cost: \$345 million
- Public money requested: \$179 million

3 KENT EVENTS CENTER

Arena with 6,500 to 8,000 seats to serve as home to Seattle Thunderbirds hockey team. Could also host monster-truck shows, dirt-bike races, concerts and other events.

- Cost: \$50 million
- Public money requested: At least \$10 million

4 EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Indoor arena in Lewis County with 7,500 permanent seats and capacity of up to 10,000. Would



be aimed at rodeos and livestock shows, but could host concerts and other events.

- Public money requested: As much as two-thirds of estimated \$80 million construction cost, or about \$53 million

5 MINOR-LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUMS

The state's five minor-league ballparks are requesting \$18 million for a host of renovations. Those would include a new grandstand roof for Tacoma's

Cheney Stadium, a scoreboard for the Tri-Cities Dust Devils Stadium and new seats and risers for Spokane's Avista Stadium. Everett Memorial Stadium would get locker-room improvements and Yakima County Stadium would get added sun protection for fans.

- Public money requested: \$18 million (in addition to the \$7 million received in 2006)

Source: Seattle Times reporting