

## CONSENT ITEM (RESOLUTION 25-04-14)

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### Walla Walla Community College local expenditure authority increase for 102 Strawberry Road, Walla Walla, property acquisition

#### Brief Description

Walla Walla Community College seeks approval to increase the property acquisition budget by \$43,540.55. This increase will cover an increase in incidental costs associated with the acquisition of property adjacent to the college campus.

#### How does this item link to the State Board's Strategic Plan?

This project supports enrollment and degree completions by providing expanded campus facilities and program offerings.

#### Background information and analysis

Walla Walla Community College received State Board authority in August 2024 through resolution 24-08-43, to purchase 73-acres adjacent to their campus. The college will utilize this new property to support and enhance its agricultural education programs, a Farm-to-Fork program, and other community-serving programs. Walla Walla Community College received State Board approval of \$2,900,000, however, incidental acquisition costs have exceeded initial estimates. The college is requesting an additional \$43,541 in local expenditure authority, bringing the total acquisition cost to \$2,943,541.

#### Recommendation/preferred result

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 25-04-14, authorizing Walla Walla Community College to increase the property acquisition budget by \$43,541.

Policy Manual Change Yes ☐ No ☒

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### STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

### RESOLUTION 25-04-14

A resolution relating to the increase in local expenditure authority for Walla Walla Community College, authorizing the college to increase the budget by \$43,541 to cover additional costs associated with the acquisition.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 28B.50 and State Board policy, 6.20 the State Board any expenditure of capital funds, any expenditure for a capital purpose, and each capital improvement project affecting educational facilities, must be approved by the State Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Walla Walla Community College has identified a strategic opportunity to acquire property adjacent to its campus, which is essential for future expansion and development; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board authorized \$2,900,000 in local spending authority for the acquisition of 73-acres to expand the college to support its Agriculture, Farm to Fork, and other programs through resolution 24-08-43; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial budget for this property acquisition was underestimated, necessitating an additional \$43,541 to complete the purchase; and

**WHEREAS**, this acquisition will support Walla Walla Community College's long-term expansion plans, providing additional space for future educational facilities and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, this project directly supports the State Board's strategic plan by enhancing access and retention for students who can benefit most from college; and

**WHEREAS**, Walla Walla Community College's Board of Trustees approved this property acquisition on July 18, 2024.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes Walla Walla Community College to increase the property acquisition budget by \$43,541 to cover additional incidental costs associated with the acquisition of the property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes the Executive Director to make adjustments to this action, including any necessary changes to the State Board's Policy Manual, as necessary, for actions taken by the Governor, Legislature, data corrections, externally imposed restrictions or guidelines, uniform accounting and reporting requirements, and unanticipated changes in state or federal law.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on (04/10/2025)

Attest

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Chris Bailey, interim secretary

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Martin Valadez, chair