

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION
WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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The Attorney General's Office seeks public input on the following opinion request(s).

**05-12-05 Request by Randall L. Gaylord
San Juan County Prosecutor**

- 1. Do the restrictions on the gifting of funds in article VIII, § 7 of the Washington Constitution prohibit San Juan County from using any real estate excise tax funds that may be collected pursuant to RCW 82.46.075 to make grants to aid persons or households with income in excess of 80% of the area median income?**

- 2. Do the restrictions on the lending of credit in article VIII, § 7 of the Washington Constitution prohibit San Juan County from using real estate excise tax funds that may be collected pursuant to RCW 82.46.075 to make loans to aid persons or households with income in excess of 80% of the area median income?**

- 3. May a grant or loan program pursuant to RCW 82.45.075 provide a preference for grants or loans to persons in public employment such as teachers, county employees, firefighters, and paramedics?**

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