# County gives $10,000 for World Series

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The Big League Baseball World Series is ramping back up for its return to Easley in a couple of months, and the tournament just got a boost from Pickens County.

Pickens County Council voted to give $10,000 to the World Series. The money requires a match from other community and private donations.

"Every dollar we spend we have to raise," said Jon Humphrey, tournament director for the Big League Baseball World Series.

Councilwoman Jennifer Willis said the tournament last year generated $150,000 to $200,000 in spending in the local economy and said the series means national exposure for Easley on ESPN and introduces participants to the area.

"I felt real strongly that I wanted to do whatever we could from a county standpoint, but $10,000 was really all we could stomach out of this year's pot of money," she said. "The series knew there was going to be no state money."

Willis said the money is coming from the current budget's contingency fund.