

## News from U.S. Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09)

Chairman, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces;  
Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; vice-chair of  
the New Democrat Coalition.

# Fiscal Year 2011 Project Requests (Defense)

**Project Title:** Advanced Medical Training and Technology Platform

**Amount:** \$3,000,000

**Recipient:** Seattle Science Foundation

**Address:** 550 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue #600

**City:** Seattle

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98122

**Explanation:** This funding would be used to expand education and training of physicians at Madigan Army Medical Center and around the Pacific Northwest using simulation and live conferencing. This is a good use of tax payer funds because it will improve the ability of medical personnel to train, learn new techniques, and participate in seminars around the world while reducing travel expenses and lost productivity due to time away from duty stations.

**Project Title:** Epigenetic Disease Research

**Amount:** \$2,500,000

**Recipient:** Washington State University

**Address:** 220 French Administration Building

**City:** Pullman

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 99164

**Explanation:** The funding would be used to research and develop biomarkers to detect diseases or conditions in military personnel, including exposure to toxic substances and environmental hazards. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will improve the monitoring, detection, and treatment of health conditions in military personnel that may be caused by environmental exposures during service and deployment.

**Project Title:** Madigan Army Medical Center Trauma Assistance Program

**Amount:** \$2,500,000

**Recipient:** Madigan Army Medical Center, MultiCare Health System, and Franciscan Health System

**Address:** 315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way

**City:** Tacoma  
**State:** Washington  
**Zip:** 98415

**Explanation:** This project provides critical trauma training for military medical personnel at local civilian hospitals. This is a good use of tax payer funds because it provides military physicians with the necessary training to meet the current challenges faced abroad while at the same time providing essential Level II trauma treatment for South King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Thurston Counties and southwest Washington.

**Project Title:** Next Generation Leishmaniasis Drug Development

**Amount:** \$2,300,000

**Recipient:** Seattle Biomedical Research Institute

**Address:** 307 Westlake Avenue North

**City:** Seattle

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98109

**Explanation:** This funding will be used to develop the next generation of drugs to treat leishmaniasis. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because military personnel continue to deploy to areas that are threatened by parasitic diseases such as leishmaniasis, and a more effective treatment is needed to protect our troops from this parasite.

**Project Title:** Scleral Healing and Bone Repair with Sphere-Templated Polymers

**Amount:** \$1,687,000

**Recipient:** University of Washington

**Address:** N330J William H. Foege Building, Box 355061

**City:** Seattle

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98195

**Explanation:** This funding would be used to test the application of a new biomaterial aimed at saving traumatized eyes and restoring sight after corneal injury, and replacing destroyed large bone segments. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the research has the possibility of improving the quality of life for wounded military personnel and injured civilians who suffer trauma to the eyes or bones.

**Project Title:** Vaccine Stabilization Initiative

**Amount:** \$3,200,000

**Recipient:** PATH

**Address:** 1455 NW Leary Way

**City:** Seattle

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98107

**Explanation:** This funding will be used to develop thermo-stable and dose sparing vaccines to be used by military personnel and in countries where the Department of

Defense (DoD) is involved in humanitarian efforts. This is a good use of tax payer funds because it will improve the DoD's ability to provide medical care to their own personnel, and the populations to whom they provide humanitarian support, in challenging and unstable environments around the world.

**Project Title:** Washington National Guard Employment Enhancement Project

**Amount:** \$1,500,000

**Recipient:** Washington State National Guard

**Address:** Building 1, Camp Murray

**City:** Camp Murray

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98430

**Explanation:** This funding would be used to expand outreach to fill employment assistance gaps that exist among federal, state and private sector programs for members of the National Guard. The pilot will work with apprenticeship programs, trade associations, education activities, government agencies and others to help Guard members acquire skills needed to obtain a living-wage job after the conclusion of their service in the National Guard. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help members of the National Guard gain employment and successfully transition into civilian careers.

**Project Title:** Western Regional Counter-Drug Training Center

**Amount:** \$2,000,000

**Recipient:** Washington State National Guard

**Address:** Building 1, Camp Murray

**City:** Tacoma

**State:** Washington

**Zip:** 98430

**Explanation:** This funding will be used to operate a counter-drug training center, located at Camp Murray, in Washington. This is a good use of tax payer funds because the training center will better serve the Western states in battling organized crime, drug trafficking, and narco-terrorism.