

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

Chairman, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities; Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; vice-chair of the New Democrat Coalition.

Fiscal Year 2010 Project Requests (Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies)

Project Name: Aviation High School

Amount: \$750,000

Recipient: Highline School District

Address: 15675 Ambaum Blvd SW

City: Burien

State: WA

Zip: 98166

Explanation: The funding will be used for the acquisition of laboratory equipment to support Aviation High School's innovative science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) curriculum. This is a good use of tax payer funds because students from across the state will be eligible to enroll in Aviation High School, a premier science, technology, and pre-engineering high school, which will benefit businesses in the state through the creation of a workforce with the intellectual capital, technical skills, and scientific leadership needed for Washington's success in the 21st century global economy.

Project Name: Allen Human Brain Atlas

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: Allen Institute for Brain Science

Address: 551 N. 34th Street

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98103

Explanation: This funding will help create a comprehensive 3-D map detailing genes at work in the human brain, providing insights into gene-related diseases and potential drug therapies. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it has the potential to facilitate cures and treatments for disease and provides open access to the findings to all interested researchers.

Project Name: Competitive Supply Chain Management Workforce

Amount: \$250,000

Recipient: Highline Community College

Address: 2400 S. 240 Street

City: Des Moines

State: WA

Zip: 98198

Explanation: This project will help fund a program to conduct local outreach and training for the trade, transportation, and logistics industry and workforce, as well as help build the infrastructure to support employers and workers in these fields. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will facilitate job training and retraining, which will help workers adjust to our increasingly dynamic economy.

Project Name: Enterprise Master Person Identifier (EMPI)

Amount: \$674,000

Recipient: Valley Medical Center

Address: 400 South 43rd Street

City: Renton

State: WA

Zip: 98058

Explanation: This project would implement a secure identification technology in order to facilitate safe clinical information exchange between multiple provider organizations. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because savings are gained from the reduction of inefficiencies in the health system and improved quality of care.

Project Name: Navos Mental Health Treatment Center

Amount: \$800,000

Recipient: Navos

Address: 2600 SW Holden St.

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98168

Explanation: This funding will equip the new mental health center, which targets toward low-income clients, with current medical, office technology and other equipment. The facility replaces an existing facility now located in the flight path of the new third runway at Sea-Tac International Airport. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it assists a community mental health facility to continue to provide and expand essential mental services.

Project Name: Tacoma College Success Foundation

Amount: \$1,000,000

Recipient: College Success Foundation

Address: 1605 NW Sammamish Road, Suite 200

City: Issaquah

State: WA

Zip: 98027

Explanation: This funding will help establish an independent Tacoma College Success Foundation with the primary goal of doubling the number of Tacoma low-income students enrolling in college. This is a good use of tax payer funds because it will make certain that students in the Tacoma School District have the tools needed to be successful in not only middle and high school, but also be prepared to be successful in college, which will benefit local businesses and the economy by providing a better trained and educated workforce.

Project Name: Regional Health Information Technology (IT) Network

Amount: \$537,000

Recipient: Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

Address: 825 Eastlake Ave E

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98109

Explanation: The project will facilitate communication between Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA) network members and create the infrastructure necessary for information sharing, as well as facilitate direct physician interaction with SCCA physician/investigators. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because savings are gained from the reduction of inefficiencies in the health system and improved quality of care.

Project Name: Rural Safety-net Provider Access Network

Amount: \$115,000

Recipient: CHOICE Regional Health Network

Address: 2409 Pacific Ave SE

City: Olympia

State: WA

Zip: 98501

Explanation: This project will identify and implement efficiencies among rural health care providers for care coordination, reduce inappropriate emergency room use and unnecessary repeat primary care visits, maximize efficient use of existing health capacity, and facilitate regional approaches for quality improvements. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because savings will be gained from the reduction of inefficiencies in the health system and improved quality of care.

Project Name: Washington Center for Undergraduate Education's Curriculum for the Bioregion Initiative

Amount: \$325,000

Recipient: The Evergreen State College

Address: 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW

City: Olympia

State: WA

Zip: 98505

Explanation: Funding will support the Curriculum for the Bioregion Initiative. This is a good use of tax payer funds because this initiative will help educate hundreds of undergraduates in the Puget Sound region in the fields of environmental sustainability and stewardship.