

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 (Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies)

Project Title: Community E-Policing Technology Initiative

Amount: \$500,000

Recipient: King County Sheriff's Office

Address: 516 Third Avenue

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98104

Explanation: This funding will be used to develop and implement a pilot, community-based, opt-in communications platform that will allow two-way communication between citizens and the Sheriff's office through a number of technology forums in real-time. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve information sharing between private citizens and local law enforcement officials, and improve public safety in King County.

Project Title: Crystal Judson Family Justice Center Domestic Violence Response Project

Amount: \$750,000

Recipient: Crystal Judson Family Justice Center

Address: 718 Court East

City: Tacoma

State: WA

Zip: 98402

Explanation: This funding would be used to assist victims of domestic violence by providing legal, social and advocacy services, health and welfare programs, and programs that focus on children who have been exposed to violence. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help provide valuable assistance to victims of domestic violence in Pierce and King Counties.

Project Title: Pierce County First Responders Radio System Infrastructure

Amount: \$2,400,000

Recipient: Pierce County Sheriff's Department

Address: 930 Tacoma Avenue South

City: Tacoma

State: WA

Zip: 98402

Explanation: This funding would be used to design, build, and equip two radio communications towers in the eastern part of Pierce County with narrowband equipment. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the new towers are necessary to provide first responders with dedicated radio frequencies in rural Pierce County.

Project Title: Pierce County Regional Gang Prevention Partnership

Amount: \$2,000,000

Recipient: Safe Streets Campaign

Address: 1501 Pacific Avenue, Suite 305

City: Tacoma

State: WA

Zip: 98402

Explanation: This funding will be used to continue efforts for prevention and intervention entities to reach out to youth and families impacted by gangs. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the project will provide support to law enforcement officials to ensure that communities stay safe from gang violence.

Project Title: Public Safety Critical Communications Readiness Project

Amount: \$600,000

Recipient: Law Enforcement Support Agency

Address: 955 Tacoma Avenue South, Suite 102

City: Tacoma

State: WA

Zip: 98402

Explanation: This funding will be used to create four new positions for experienced 9-1-1 trained personnel who will also train new hires and support 9-1-1 staff. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve 9-1-1 services that currently support eleven law enforcement agencies in Pierce County.

Project Title: Preventing Armed Confrontations between Police Officers and the Public

Amount: \$354,685

Recipient: Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs

Address: 3060 Willamette Drive NE

City: Lacey

State: WA

Zip: 98516

Explanation: The funds would be used to conduct a study on all officer-involved shootings in Washington State in the last five years to allow for the assessment and examination of factors which contribute to such events. This is a good use of taxpayer

funds because the study will help the law enforcement community understand these incidents and use that knowledge to reduce the occurrence of similar events in the future.

Project Title: Superior Court Criminal Tracking System

Amount: \$2,000,000

Recipient: King County

Address: 516 Third Avenue

City: Seattle

State: WA

Zip: 98104

Explanation: This funding would be used to develop a single information system that would provide comprehensive data sharing among criminal justice agencies, state and local law enforcement officials, and the courts in King County. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the ability of these law enforcement organizations to share information, make informed criminal justice decisions, and track criminals moving through the system.

Project Title: Valley Cities Municipal Public Safety Regional Broadband Network

Amount: \$1,500,000

Recipient: City of Auburn

Address: 25 West Main Street

City: Auburn

State: WA

Zip: 98001

Explanation: This project will construct a fiber and wireless broadband network to streamline communications between public safety organizations and personnel throughout the Valley Cities including Auburn, Renton, Kent, Tukwila, Algona, and Pacific. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will provide better communications in a mutual aid or disaster response situation.

Project Title: Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative

Amount: \$2,500,000

Recipient: Pierce County Alliance

Address: 510 Tacoma Avenue South

City: Tacoma

State: WA

Zip: 98402

Explanation: This funding will be used to continue investigations of clandestine meth labs, treatment programs for those addicted to methamphetamine, and mobilize education and prevention efforts. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the program has had a profound effect in mitigating the local meth epidemic and has reduced the number of meth incidents in the state.

