

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 (Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies)

Project Title: 800Mhz Emergency Radio System

Amount: \$ 350,000

Recipient: Valley Medical Center

Address: 400 South 43rd St.

City: Renton

State: Washington

Zip: 98055

Explanation: These funds will be used for the design and installation of an 800 Mhz Radio Reception System in VMC facilities on the main campus. The installation of this system will provide the infrastructure necessary for local law enforcement and emergency responders to receive critical radio communications while working within VMC facilities. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will better facilitate the delivery of emergency and health services for residents who depend upon VMC.

Project Name: Aviation High School

Amount: \$750,000

Recipient: Highline School District

Address: 15675 Ambaum Blvd SW

City: Burien

State: WA

Zip: 98166

Explanation: This project will be enable 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 Title: Enhancing STEM Education

Amount: \$193,000

Recipient: Pierce College

Address: 9401 Farwest Drive

City: Lakewood

State: Washington

Zip: 98498

Explanation: The equipment acquired through this request will enable high-tech learning in these critically needed workforce fields. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because this project will provide crucial equipment to allow faculty, students, and community members to expand their hands-on learning and understanding of STEM curriculum.

Project Title: Environmental Research Center

Amount: \$998,000

Recipient: University of Washington Tacoma

Address: 1900 Commerce Street

City: Tacoma

State: Washington

Zip: 98402

Explanation: The scientific equipment acquired by this project will enable the University of Washington Tacoma to provide its students and faculty access to state-of-the-art analytical instrumentation, training students to enter the workforce in environmental and technical fields. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance UW Tacoma's ability to leverage existing partnerships and promote new collaboration between local government agencies and private companies that engage students through scientific investigations of local environmental issues.

Project Title: MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital Health Information Technology Advancement

Amount: \$ 800,000

Recipient: MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital

Address: 407 14th Avenue SE

City: Puyallup

State: Washington

Zip: 98372

Explanation: This project will install wireless infrastructure and components in the new patient care tower at Good Samaritan that will allow for the tracking of patients, medication, bed availability, and equipment throughout the hospital. Additionally, this project will equip "Smart" Rooms with multi-functional monitors that will inform patients and allow physicians and nurses to quickly and easily access the patient's medical records while at the bedside. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve and allow for more timely care, prevent medical errors, and reduce unnecessary tests and procedures for patients in the Puyallup, Washington area.

Project Title: Navos Mental Health Treatment Center

Amount: \$ 714,000

Recipient: Navos Mental Health Treatment Center

Address: 2600 SW Holden St.

City: Seattle

State: Washington

Zip: 98168

Explanation: This funding will be used for internal infrastructure construction of a new non-profit mental health treatment center being built for low-income clients. 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 in its efforts to continue to provide and expand essential mental services.

Project Title: Providence St. Peter Hospital's telestroke network

Amount: \$ 300,000

Recipient: Providence St. Peter Hospital

Address: 413 Lilly Road NE

City: Olympia

State: Washington

Zip: 98506

Explanation: This project will provide equipment to allow physicians treating patients in rural facilities to consult remotely with a neurologist at Providence St. Peter Hospital through real-time video conferencing. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will provide more precise patient assessments, improve intervention rates for patients in rural communities, and expand access to advanced stroke therapies. It will also reduce unnecessary tests and procedures for patients that are determined to be suffering from a condition other than a stroke.

Project Name: Tacoma College Success Foundation

Amount: \$600,000

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 are equipped to be successful in middle and high school, as well as prepared for college, which will benefit local businesses and the economy by providing a better trained and highly educated workforce.

Project Title: Transdisciplinary Clinical Simulation Lab Equipment

Amount: \$ 700,000

Recipient: Tacoma Community College

Address: 6501 S. 19th Street

City: Tacoma

State: Washington

Zip: 98466

Explanation: These funds will be used to equip a transdisciplinary clinical simulation lab in Tacoma Community College's new Health Careers Center. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because simulation-based training not only maximizes the time a student spends in an actual clinical setting, it also allows the student to practice skills and experience mistakes before ever interacting with an actual patient, improving patient safety. Funds will enhance the medical education and improve patient care provided by TCC students who enter the workforce.

Project Title: Tri-Campus Veterans Services

Amount: \$792,000

Recipient: University of Washington

Address: 214 Gerberding Hall, Box 351242

City: Seattle

State: Washington

Zip: 98195

Explanation: This project will focus on the wellness, mental health, and academic success of student veterans at the University of Washington from a holistic perspective in order to meet their needs and ensure successful transition from military life to higher education. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because many institutions of higher education will experience a 25% or more increase in the student veteran population as the nearly 2 million veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan return, and this project will directly support the educational needs of this population of students.

Project Title: Washington State Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation (PDAF) Expansion

Amount: \$ 158,000

Recipient: Northwest Hospital & Medical Center/UW Medicine

Address: 1550 N. 115th St.

City: Seattle

State: Washington

Zip: 98133

Explanation: Funds will be used to launch an additional site to help those who need assistance paying for prescription drugs by accessing existing private and public assistance programs more effectively. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will assist patients in need to access prescription drug assistance, increasing drug compliance, and lowering adverse health costs.