

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 (Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies)

Project Title: Airman and Family Readiness Center

Amount: \$3,500,000

Recipient: Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Address: 100 Col. Joe Jackson Blvd.

City: Joint Base Lewis-McChord

State: Washington

Zip: 98438

Explanation: This funding would be used to replace Korean War-era facilities with an expanded, new, centralized facility to provide social and family support services to the airmen and families of Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will provide a much needed replacement for existing facilities that have exceeded their original design life. The new facility will better serve the airmen and their families

Project Title: Special Operations Forces Military Working Dog Kennel

Amount: \$4,700,000

Recipient: Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Address: HQs, 2/75 Ranger Regt, Building 3469 Nakamura Drive

City: Joint Base Lewis-McChord

State: Washington

Zip: 98433

Explanation: This funding will be used to construct a veterinary, living, and training facility for Special Operation Force Military Working Dogs to be used by the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because, as a priority project for Special Operations Command, this facility will support the sustainment and training of military working dogs which have been a vital asset to Special Operations Forces operating in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world.

Project Title: 3106 Hangar Doors

Amount: \$473,000

Recipient: Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Address: Bldg 3106 2nd Division Drive

City: Joint Base Lewis-McChord

State: Washington

Zip: 98465

Explanation: This funding would be used to construct major structural modifications and upgrades to the Washington State National Guard's aviation maintenance hanger, converting two smaller aircraft bays into one large bay. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will allow the National Guard to fully utilize the hangar to accommodate their aviation assets as new active duty units arrive at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and take up other hangars currently occupied by the National Guard.