

Reinvesting in Washington

2015–17 Capital Budget Highlights

EDUCATION

K-12

School Construction Assistance Program – \$611.0 million

Provides state matching grants for K-12 school construction through the School Construction Assistance Program in 2015–17.

K-3 Class Size Reduction Grants – \$200.0 million

Beyond the base school construction program, provides an additional \$200 million for the K-3 Class Size Reduction Grant program authorized in ESSB 6080. Grant awards will prioritize school districts with acute classroom space needs and those with high student-poverty rates. The program also provides more assistance to districts that have had difficulty securing local funding necessary to secure a state match.

Distressed schools – \$15.0 million

Funds projects at three distressed schools, including renovation of the Marysville-Pilchuck High School cafeteria.

Healthy Kids – Healthy Schools Grants – \$5.0 million

Provides grants for student health-related school facility repairs and improvements. Eligible uses include fitness and physical education equipment, covered play areas, greenhouses and kitchen improvements.

K-12 classroom inventory – \$1.5 million

Directs the WSU Energy Extension program to complete data collection for the state inventory and condition of schools system, and to conduct on-site visits to verify survey data. A final report on the inventory system and state classroom space is due to the Legislature by Dec. 1, 2016.

Higher Education

University of Washington test beds and the Center for Advanced Materials and Clean Energy Technologies – \$9.0 million

Funds the development of clean energy research test beds and a dedicated clean energy technology development center. These projects will allow UW to partner with industry leaders to develop commercial-ready clean energy technology and provide students with hands-on experience in the clean energy economy.

University of Washington Computer Science and Engineering – \$32.5 million

Funds the design and construction of expanded and new space for the UW's highly successful Computer Science and Engineering program. This program is a key part of the UW's leadership in a major part of the regional economy.

Community and technical colleges – \$273.8 million

Funds projects essential to the continued excellence of the state's 34-member public community and technical college system. Includes \$46.5 million for a new instruction center at Olympic College in Bremerton and \$23.8 million for the Allied Health and Early Childhood Development Center at Peninsula College in Port Angeles.

Other higher education items

Funds renovation of the Carver Academic Facility at Western Washington University (\$64.0 million), Everett University Center (\$54.5 million), Burke Museum at the University of Washington (\$26.0 million), Samuelson Communication and Technology Center at Central Washington University (\$56.0 million) and remodeling of the lecture hall at The Evergreen State College (\$64.0 million).

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Department of Social and Health Services

Forensic mental health beds – \$4.2 million

Funds renovation or expansion of facilities at Western and Eastern State hospitals and the Maple Lane School to add up to 90 beds for forensic and competency restoration services.

Western State Hospital new kitchen and commissary building – \$29.0 million

Funds kitchen and commissary improvements at Western State Hospital and the Special Commitment Center to gain expected operational efficiencies and cost savings.

Department of Corrections

Prison capacity expansion – \$4.8 million

Funds predesign to construct a facility at an unspecified location that incorporates best practices for treatment of mentally ill offenders, considers conversion of minimum security housing units to medium security and addresses projected capacity needs at the correctional facilities.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Department of Ecology

Remedial action grants (statewide) – \$65.1 million

Provides grants to local governments to protect public and environmental health, create jobs and promote economic development by redeveloping contaminated sites.

Coordinated prevention grants (statewide) – \$15.0 million

Funds grants to local governments for projects that support local solid and hazardous waste plans. The Coordinated Prevention Grant Program supports waste reduction and recycling programs, household hazardous waste collection and regulatory oversight.

Drought relief – \$14.0 million

Funds the leasing of water rights for irrigators, boosting stream flow for fish, providing technical expertise and grants to municipalities for drilling emergency wells, and deepening wells.

Clean Water Program

Provides grants to local governments for acquisition, planning, design and construction of water pollution control facilities, including the Centennial Clean Water Program (\$20.0 million) and the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (\$203.0 million).

Flood protection/water supply/stormwater

Provides grants to tribes, local governments, state agencies and nongovernmental organizations for projects that restore natural conditions in floodplains, construct flood protection and stormwater systems, and promote water supply to basins.

- Floodplains by design – \$35.6 million
- Columbia River Water Supply Development Program – \$19.0 million
- Stormwater Financial Assistance Program – \$53.0 million
- Yakima River Basin water supply – \$30.0 million

Parks and Recreation Commission

Preserves and expands the ability of state parks facilities to enhance visitors' experience – \$52.7 million (plus others for a total of \$59.1 million)

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Clarks Creek (Puyallup) hatchery rebuild – \$5.0 million

Converts the Clarks Creek Hatchery from trout production to salmon production to fulfill the Washington State Department of Transportation's I-5 widening project mitigation requirements as agreed to with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

Lake Rufus Woods fishing access – \$2.0 million

Coordinates with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for development of up to three fishing access points on reservation lands to include parking, restrooms, boat launch, shore fishing sites and water supply.

Deschutes Watershed Center – \$5.0 million

Continues planning and development of an environmental learning center and salmon hatchery facility near Tumwater Falls in the Deschutes River Basin.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – \$55.3 million

Funds projects that support habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, riparian protection, farmland preservation and trails.

Coastal restoration grants – \$11.2 million

Funds watersheds, creek, prairies and wetlands conservation and restoration, barrier removal and culvert corrections projects.

Youth athletic facilities – \$10.0 million

Provides grants to local governments and other nonprofit organizations to construct or renovate outdoor facilities.

Department of Natural Resources

Forest hazard reduction – \$10.0 million

Funds forest health hazard reduction treatments, primarily on state lands, and in certain circumstances, on small nonindustrial private timber lands, of which \$1.0 million is for “firewise” communities.

Puget Sound Corps – \$8.0 million

Completes a variety of water quality and habitat-protection and restoration projects related to the Puget Sound Action Agenda and the management of forage fish resources.

State Conservation Commission

Water quality improvements, ranch/farmland preservation and dairy nutrient demonstration – \$22.2 million

Funds water quality improvements in shellfish and non-shellfish growing areas, ranch/farmland preservation projects and two dairy nutrient management demonstration projects.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department of Commerce

Clean Energy and Energy Freedom Program – \$40.4 million total

Funds projects that provide a benefit to the public through development, demonstration and deployment of clean energy technologies that save energy and reduce energy costs, reduce harmful air emissions or otherwise increase energy independence for the state:

- \$10.0 million to expand the Energy Revolving Loan Fund that finances proven energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies that lack access to capital.
- \$6.6 million for credit enhancements for advanced solar and renewable energy manufacturing.
- \$13.0 million for grants to utilities that demonstrate improved integration of renewable energy sources through energy storage and other technologies.
- \$10.0 million for grants to match federal funds or other nonstate funding sources used to support research and development on clean energy technologies.
- \$400,000 for competitively selected wood energy conversion projects at public facilities.

Energy efficiency and solar grants – \$25.0 million

Funds grants to state agencies and local governments to improve the energy efficiency of public facilities and street lighting, and install solar systems to reduce energy demand and costs. K-12 and higher education are eligible to apply for this competitive grant program.

Ultra-efficient affordable housing demonstration – \$2.5 million

Funds development of ultra-efficient affordable housing projects, with funds awarded on a competitive basis. Housing units will be built to high-energy efficiency and durability standards, which will reduce utility and maintenance costs for both the housing unit owners and low-income tenants.

Weatherization Matchmaker Program – \$15.0 million

Provides state funds to match federal and utility funds for energy efficiency improvements for low-income homes, reducing their energy costs.

Community Energy Efficiency Program – \$5.0 million

Funds utilities and community groups to support homeowner and small business building improvements that save energy costs and support local energy jobs.

Joint Center for Deployment and Research in Earth Abundant Materials – \$2.0 million

Funds research and development of next generation clean energy and transportation technologies at a new center jointly administered by the University of Washington and Washington State University.

Community Economic Revitalization Board – \$10.6 million

Funds low-interest loans, and a limited amount for grants, to acquire, construct and repair public facilities that encourage new business development and expansion in areas seeking economic growth.

Housing – \$75.0 million

Provides loans and grants to be awarded on a competitive basis to affordable housing projects statewide that will produce, at a minimum, a total of 1,900 homes and 500 seasonal beds. These are aimed to serve a broad spectrum of vulnerable populations, including homeless families and individuals, farmworkers, seniors and individuals with special needs.

Community behavioral health beds – \$32.0 million

Funds new community hospital inpatient psychiatric beds and related facilities, and the establishment of a concurrent and expedited process for grant applicants meeting applicable regulatory requirements necessary to operate these beds and facilities.

Local and community projects – \$130.0 million total, including:

- Cancer immunotherapy facility – Seattle Children’s Research Institute: \$7.0 million
- Grays Harbor navigation improvement channel: \$2.5 million
- International community health services: \$3.5 million
- Okanogan County infrastructure repairs: city of Pateros water system, \$1.8 million; Twisp Civic Building, \$500,000; Brewster Reservoir replacement, \$1.3 million
- Stilly Valley youth project: \$2.2 million

Pacific Medical Center – \$6.0 million

Funds building preservation, including window repairs and weatherization.

Office of Financial Management

Chehalis Basin Flood Mitigation Program – \$50.0 million

Continues the flood mitigation work in the Chehalis Basin to advance the aquatic species restoration plan for more than 110 miles of the Chehalis River and for construction of local priority flood protection projects.

Department of Enterprise Services

Capitol Lake long-term management planning – \$250,000

Funds efforts on reaching a broad agreement on a long-term plan for the Capitol Lake, Deschutes Estuary, Lower Budd Inlet and Deschutes River watershed which will identify multiple hybrid options for development and adaptive management strategies for the lake and estuary.

1063 block replacement project – \$69.0 million financing authority

For constructing an office building on the 1063 block on Capitol Way S. in Olympia. The capital budget also requires OFM to coordinate with DES to ensure the building can be used as a model for space efficiency for tenants and energy use for both owned and leased state office buildings.

Military Department

Thurston County Readiness Center – \$42.0 million

Funds construction of a new readiness center in Thurston County and to transfer ownership of the Olympia Armory to the Thurston County Boys and Girls Club when the Readiness Center is built.