

Capital

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE

Few tasks during her administration commanded more of Governor Gregoire's attention than creating jobs. She joined with leaders from business, labor, the tribes and communities across the state to create employment opportunities. While the Great Recession hit hard and lingered long, the Governor proposed capital budgets that put people back to work and built facilities and infrastructure to put the state on the path to economic prosperity. The investments described below are separate from those recommended in the operating budget and represent approximately 20,258 new or retained jobs each year of the biennium for Washingtonians.



Community and Statewide Projects

North Roadway network improvement (Issaquah)

Purchase environmentally sensitive areas, design and construct pedestrian/bicycle trails as well as other improvements. (\$5.0 million bonds)

Public Safety Building (Concrete)

Fund final design, site preparation and construction of a public safety building to house the city's volunteer fire department. (\$3.0 million bonds)

Second Harvest Distribution Center construction phase 2 (Pasco)

Construct a food distribution center that serves 68,000 clients each month through 55 neighborhood food banks and meal centers throughout south and central Washington. (\$3.0 million bonds)

Food bank (Thurston County)

Purchase and upgrade a warehouse and remodel a food bank that serves 14,000 households each year as well as low-income students in 32 elementary schools with weekend food packages. (\$1.0 million bonds)

Mobile library units (Pierce County)

Purchase and modify two mobile library units that serve 6,600 students annually in 10 to 12 elementary and middle schools in the Franklin Pierce, Bethel and Clover Park school districts. (\$200,000)

Public Works Assistance Account programs (statewide)

Finance local infrastructure and emergency projects recommended by the Public Works Board: \$350 million in loans to local governments, \$22 million for pre-construction loans and \$5 million in loans for each of the following three categories: emergency needs, energy and water efficiency projects, and water system acquisition. (\$387.0 million Public Works Assistance Account)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program (statewide)

Provide low-interest loans and technical assistance to public water systems to plan, design, finance and construct improvements to increase both public health protection and compliance with drinking water regulations. (\$170.0 million Drinking Water Assistance Account)

Housing Trust Fund (statewide)

Develop affordable housing projects to serve a broad spectrum of vulnerable populations, including homeless families and individuals, seniors, individuals with special needs and seasonal farmworkers. (\$65.0 million bonds)

Community Economic Revitalization Board (statewide)

Finance improvements to publicly owned infrastructure that will encourage new business development and expansion. (\$9.0 million Public Facility Construction Loan Account)

Health and Public Safety

Prison safety and other systems (statewide)

Fund critical health- and safety-related items such as fire alarms and surveillance equipment in addition to failing building assets such as roofs and mechanical systems. (\$44.5 million bonds)

Prison reception center (west side of state)

Fund construction documents needed for a new reception center in the 2015–17 biennium. (\$6.0 million bonds)

Water systems (statewide)

Provide loans to publicly owned and privately operated water systems for projects that correct compliance and public health problems, and replace failing infrastructure. (\$33.1 million federal funds)

Catastrophic flood relief (Chehalis Basin)

Continue development of agreements among the Chehalis Basin Flood Control Authority, the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and other entities on water-retention and Interstate 5 protection project feasibility and scoping work, as well as local projects that are part of a basin-wide plan. (\$28.2 million bonds)

Olympia Area Readiness Center

Acquire property, design and construct the Olympia Area Readiness Center, which will consolidate the Olympia and Puyallup units. The facility to train reservists will be operated by the Military Department. (\$13.4 million bonds, \$34.2 million federal funds)

Naselle Youth Camp (Southwest Washington)

Renovate three residential housing units that accommodate a total of 72 youth offenders. (\$4.9 million bonds)

Western State Hospital (Steilacoom)

Modify sleeping rooms and bathrooms in all wards to eliminate risks to patients and staff. (\$3.9 million bonds)

Education

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

School Construction Assistance Program

Maintain the school construction grant program at 100 percent. (\$497.0 million bonds, \$179.0 million Common School Construction Account)

Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program

Fund new construction or portable classrooms for all-day kindergarten for districts that demonstrate need based on funding and space limitations. (\$500,000 bonds, \$9.5 million Common School Construction Account)

Small repair grants

Award grants to assist school districts with infrastructure repairs and renovations related to unforeseen health and safety needs. Grant award amounts are capped at \$200,000 per district. (\$10.0 million bonds)

Emergency repair pool

Distribute funds to school districts to make emergency repairs for problems that pose an imminent health and safety hazard. (\$500,000 bonds)

Higher Education

University of Washington

Denny Hall renovation

Renovate a building that houses 22 general assignment classrooms with a capacity of 765 seats. (\$34.6 million bonds)

Washington State University

Clean technology laboratory

Construct an interdisciplinary engineering facility that will support high-demand research and education priorities in the field of clean technology. (\$33.1 million bonds)

Central Washington University

Science building

Construct a science building to house the departments of geology, physics and science education and the Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics. (\$65.4 million bonds)

The Evergreen State College

Science facilities

Renovate the bottom floor of Lab I Building to boost energy efficiency and modernize lab spaces. Renovate labs and classrooms on the second floor of Lab II Building to increase capacity and access. (\$8.8 million bonds, \$1.2 million Capital Projects Account)

Western Washington University

Classroom and lab upgrades

Complete classroom and lab upgrades. (\$4.0 million bonds, \$916,000 Capital Projects Account)

Bates Technical College

Mohler Communications Technology Center

Construct a building on the Mohler Campus to house all its communications technology programs. (\$25.9 million bonds)

Bellevue Community College

Health science building

Construct a building to house nursing, radiologic technology, radiation therapy, parent education and other programs. (\$30.9 million bonds, \$2.0 million Local Nonappropriated Account)

Clark College

Health and advanced technologies building

Construct a building to contain classrooms, science and computer labs, and faculty offices to accommodate demand for programs in the health, science and advanced technology fields. (\$36.9 million bonds)

Yakima Valley Community College

Palmer Martin Building

Construct a building to replace Palmer Martin. The new space will house art instruction, modern languages, early childhood education and other programs. (\$20.8 million bonds)

Environment

Remedial action grants

Provide grants to protect public and environmental health, create jobs and promote economic development by redeveloping contaminated properties. (\$71.5 million Local Toxics Control Account)

Centennial Clean Water Program

Provide grants to local governments for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities, elimination of failing on-site sewage systems and stormwater control and treatment facilities. (\$38.5 million Local Toxics Control Account, \$21.5 million State Toxics Control Account)

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Provide grants for projects that protect or restore salmon habitat and for other salmon recovery programs, as recommended by the Puget Sound Partnership. (\$80.0 million bonds)

Yakima River Basin

Design and construct “early action” projects identified in plan developed by a large working group to address water supply issues. (\$23.6 million bonds)

Toxic site cleanup/Puget Sound

Clean up contaminated sites near the Puget Sound shoreline. (\$29.0 million State Toxics Control Account)

Forest health improvements

Complete pre-commercial thinning or forest improvements on state trust lands and private timber lands to improve forest health and reduce the risk of wildfire. (\$8.0 million bonds)

Contaminated site cleanup/Eastern Washington

Clean up contaminated sites in Eastern Washington where the responsible party is either unwilling or unable to pay. (\$5.0 million State Toxics Control Account)