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Public Disclosure Commission

Enhance filer assistance

Replace the campaign finance, personal financial affairs and public agency lobbying electronic filing systems and increase education and assistance to the regulated community. This will ensure that all electronic filing systems are kept up to date and remain accessible and usable for filers and the public. (\$319,000 General Fund-State)

Secretary of State

Increase access to state library

Improve the discoverability of information contained in the state library online catalog. Funding will support two additional library archives specialists, microfilming of Washington newspapers, additional curriculum for the online teacher portal and a Linked Data project with up to four state-funded research institutions whose collections are complementary. (\$250,000 Washington State Heritage Center Account)

Speakers Bureau educational programming

Increase Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau Community Conversations programming in rural and underserved areas of the state. The bureau delivers free programs open to the public that provide access to educational lectures on state and national history, cultural heritage, civil and human rights and politics. (\$74,000 GF-S)

Office of the Attorney General

Ratepayer advocacy

Add funding for expert witness analyses in regulatory proceedings before the Utilities and Transportation Commission. Ratepayers will benefit from expert testimony in cases involving utility rate increases, service delivery, environmental initiatives and other regulatory issues. (\$350,000 Public Service Revolving Account)

Military Department

Emergency response

Increase funding to retain 15.5 emergency management staff who coordinate response during state emergencies to ensure that help is provided in a timely and effective manner. This funding offsets reductions in federal emergency management and homeland security grants. (\$1.3 million Disaster Response Account-State)

Department of Commerce

Small and rural business economic development

Promote growth of small and underserved businesses as well as the communities in which they are located. Additional resources to develop and launch export strategies will target very small and early stage businesses, which represent 90 percent of the companies that export from Washington. (\$1.8 million GF-S)

Industry sector development

Maintain key industry sector liaison positions. Sector-based economic development increases the output of industry sectors vital to Washington's economy: aerospace, clean energy, forest products, information and communications technology, life sciences, maritime and the military. (\$736,000 GF-S)

Families in crisis study

Conduct a study to help keep families together when there is no evidence of abuse or neglect. Study will assess effective intervention strategies for alleviating conflict to restore or maintain family connections and stability. (\$500,000 GF-S)

Rural broadband

Create a Governor's Rural Broadband Office in the Department of Commerce. The office will lead state planning to prioritize and sequence the delivery of high-quality broadband access to unserved and underserved communities. Funding is bolstered by \$5 million in capital budget infrastructure grants to local governments and tribes. This will improve economic development, public safety and access to education for approximately 395,000 Washingtonians. (\$387,000 GF-S)

Affordable housing navigator

Establish an affordable housing navigator to explore nontraditional technologies to alleviate the

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housing crisis. This staff member will collaborate with the housing development community, elected officials, cities and counties, financial institutions and the public to address affordable housing issues and provide technical assistance. (\$250,000 Housing Trust Account)

Lead-based paint abatement

Protect Washingtonians against poisoning from lead-based paint. Higher fees for lead-based paint abatement certifications will fund more technical assistance services and compliance staff. (\$193,000 Lead Paint Account)

State Auditor's Office

Mandatory caseload and enrollment changes

Increase the number of accountability audits by 10. This will allow the Auditor's Office to examine the books of small agencies that have not been audited for some time, review the use of public resources at large state agencies, and provide lawmakers and taxpayers with assurance that public funds are properly safeguarded. (\$700,000 Performance Audit Government Account)

Office of Financial Management

2020 census

Prepare for the 2020 census by creating a comprehensive outreach campaign and public website, conducting media outreach, delivering assistance to local jurisdictions to update addresses and assisting with other census-related demographic services. (\$464,000 GF-S)

Public Safety Enhancement Account/Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Plan 2 Board

Public safety and first responders

Provide additional funding to assist local governments in improving public safety. Local governments can invest the additional funding in civil justice, domestic violence prevention, assistance to parents, families with at-risk children or other public safety programs. Funding will also be used to help firefighters and police officers with retirement benefit enhancements. (\$50.0 million GF-S)

Investing in critical IT system replacements and security upgrades

The governor's budget includes significant information technology investments that range from system development and critical system replacements, to security and software investments that make the state network more impervious to cyber threats (investment amounts reflect total funding):

- Implement an electronic visit verification system for the delivery of personal care services such as date, time and location of services provided. (Department of Social and Health Services; \$9.3 million)
- Create an automated staff scheduling system at Western State Hospital to ensure the right people are in the right place at the right time. This will standardize and modernize staffing management processes. (Department of Social and Health Services; \$2.8 million)
- Replace enforcement program records management and dispatch system to meet state and federal security standards. (Department of Fish and Wildlife; \$1.8 million)
- Initiate the modernization of more than 220 business applications, starting with their migration to the State Data Center or a cloud environment. (Department of Ecology; \$1.5 million)
- Expand services that provide real-time, threat-monitoring hardware and software that can detect and disarm malicious attacks before they enter the state network. Offer a secure coding tool to improve security practices for web applications. (Consolidated Technology Services; \$1.2 million)
- Rebuild the network infrastructure to make it more secure and stable in preparation for the planned move to the State Data Center. (Department of Fish and Wildlife; \$1.1 million)
- Replace the Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System that reaches the end of its life cycle in 2019. CHARS collects record-level hospital data and is used to identify and analyze hospitalization and other trends. (Department of Health; \$556,000)
- Create a dedicated data network to connect 60 district offices, detachments, crime labs, academies and homeland security facilities statewide. (Washington State Patrol; \$431,000)
- Create an electronic content management project to move paper-based essential data to digital content that is network-accessible and -searchable. (State Board of Accountancy; \$338,000)
- Analyze systems, equipment and software through the services of a consultant and plan for moving to the State Data Center. (Department of Natural Resources; \$100,000)
- Replace an aging and faltering case management database and move it to secure website hosting. This will increase efficiency and improve security. (Human Rights Commission; \$85,000)
- Upgrade website for reliability and security. (Washington State Arts Commission; \$14,000)