

Snohomish County – 2022 DRAFT Legislative Agenda

Invest in Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Increase counties' share of marijuana revenue to fund behavioral health, substance use disorder, and diversion programs.

Snohomish County has been the leading innovator in Washington when it comes to addressing challenges associated with substance use misuse and homelessness. However, in FY 19, the County received only 0.43% of the total marijuana excise tax, which helps fund essential county diversion and treatment programs. Snohomish County supports increasing marijuana revenue tax distributions to cities and counties, which fund critical local services, such as diversion and treatment programs.

Support the Lynnwood Community Recovery Center

Snohomish County supports the City of Lynnwood's efforts to establish a 36-bed Community Recovery Center. The City would partner with community providers to offer behavioral health services to inmates and the public, including outpatient treatment. The County will be a funding partner and is supportive of a capital budget request for the project.

Support Workforce Development

Secure Ongoing Funding for the Regional Apprenticeship Pathways Program

Snohomish County requests the state provide \$1.5 million/biennium in ongoing funding for the Regional Apprenticeship Pathways (RAP) Program, currently funded through 2023. Snohomish County also supports statewide efforts to bolster funding for other high school workforce development programs, such as skill centers.

Law and Justice

Fund an Additional Superior Court Judge

The Administrative Office of the Courts has approved an additional superior court judge, and the County has budgeted for our share of costs. Snohomish County requests funding for the state portion of costs for an additional superior court judge.

Fund County Blake Costs

Snohomish County asks the state to fund costs associated with implementation of the *Blake* decision.

Transportation and Infrastructure

Fund the Snohomish County Regional Priorities List

The County supports the passage of a transportation revenue package and requests full funding for the 2022 Regional Priorities List.

Address Local Culverts.

Snohomish County strongly supports ongoing funding to address local culverts, whether included in the transportation or capital budget.

Fund RCO Grant Projects, including:

1. Kayak Point Day-Use Phase II – (identify program)
2. Thomas' Eddy SWM Restoration Project (identify program)
3. RCO funding to match Conservation Futures Applications – acquisitions TBD