



2021-2022 State Legislative Agenda

The City looks forward to continuing its partnership with its legislative delegation to improve the overall quality of life for everyone that calls Lakewood home.

Economic Development Financing for Lakewood Landing: Lakewood Landing is a 25-acre property along I-5 that is primarily used for industrial purposes, including a WSDOT maintenance facility. The site's prime I-5 frontage and proximity to the Lakewood Sounder Station make it well suited for transit-oriented development (TOD) and mixed-use development. The site could potentially include affordable housing, childcare centers, retail business, commercial businesses and, if redeveloped, would generate significant state and local tax revenue. Because redevelopment of this site requires the WSDOT maintenance facility to be relocated, public investment is needed to advance Lakewood Landing from vision to reality. This public investment could come from state authorized economic development financing such as tax increment financing and/or an investment of \$1 million annually for twenty-years years. To learn more about Lakewood Landing and the need for economic development financing, [click here](#).

Western State Hospital Community Partnership Program: Since 2007 the City has operated a highly effective Community Partnership Program (CPP) to improve public safety at Western State Hospital (WSH). CPP has responded to hundreds of calls for police service at WSH. The City requests \$621,000 be included in the 2021-23 Operating Budget for continued operation of the CPP. This is the same funding level that has been allocated in the last two state biennial budgets.

Capital Budget Request – Living Access Support Alliance Expansion:

Living Access Support Alliance (LASA) is a nonprofit that provides emergency housing, rapid rehousing and transitional housing in Lakewood, in addition to case management, and a range of other services to prevent homelessness. Demand for LASA's services surpasses their current capacity and is only expected to intensify due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City provides annual grants to LASA as part of its 1% general fund allocation to human services and funding for capital facility development. In 2020, the City provided LASA a total of \$426,390 to help with programming and rental-housing assistance. The City is currently working with LASA to acquire additional space to expand their existing facilities as well as helping LASA develop a long-range social services plan to help meet community needs. The City is committed to providing \$150,000 in 2020 and up to \$300,000 in 2021/2022 to help LASA expand. The City is requesting \$500,000 from the state for LASA to accelerate this project and expand needed services in Lakewood.

Capital Budget Request - Wards Lake Park Improvements: The City is requesting \$250,000 to help complete a multi-faceted park revitalization project that will improve safety and access for an historically underserved community in Lakewood, restore and enhance environmental systems, and increase recreational opportunities. The City believes that this project will be a community catalyst encouraging neighborhood revitalization and will provide new healthy choices to the surrounding neighborhood. Park improvements include: trail expansion; open space improvements that allow for better active and passive recreation; improved water access; wetland enhancements and other environmental remediation; increased parking areas; expanded signage and learning opportunities; and improved safety and security through park programming and the incorporation of crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) features. The City has also applied for state WWRP and federal LWCF grants. To learn more about this project, [click here](#).

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Capital Budget Request - American Lake Park ADA Improvements: The City is requesting \$250,000 toward ADA access improvements at American Lake Park (ALP). Since incorporation, Lakewood has worked to create more equitable access to parks. This project will provide a new ADA ramp to the shoreline and boat launch area for all Lakewood residents to access and enjoy the waterfront. The improvements will also provide easier access to the restrooms and picnic shelters. To learn more about this project, [click here](#).

Multimodal Transportation Study: The City requests \$250,000 for a multimodal transportation assessment to consider practical solutions to increase multimodal connectivity along the I-5 corridor between DuPont and Lakewood. The study will include options that take advantage of already funded grade separated crossings and increase connectivity between Sound Transit and Amtrak using existing or planned infrastructure. This will support the movement of people through the growing South Sound corridor - including Lakewood, DuPont, Joint Base Lewis McChord, and areas of unincorporated Pierce County, including Parkland and Spanaway. This is supported by Sound Transit, JBLM, Pierce Transit, Lakewood Water District, West Pierce Fire & Rescue and the Clover Park School District.

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WSH Community Partnership Program



LASA Expansion



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