



## U.S. SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL WASHINGTON

### Northwest Washington Projects Included in the FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

The Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill includes grants for 7 grassroots projects in Northwest Washington that Senator Cantwell supported, securing a total of \$9,498,000 for the region.

**Edmonds College Advanced Manufacturing Skills Center – Snohomish County: \$1,300,000**

This funding creates two expedited pathways into careers in Marine and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Robotics. AMSC staff will partner with the Center for Advanced Manufacturing Puget Sound (CAMPS) to engage with industry employers, manufacturers, and subject matter experts in developing short term manufacturing skills training that leads to employment in the Marine Industry and AI Robotics. The project will use the successful and lauded model we created for the aerospace industry at The Washington Aerospace Training and Research (WATR) Center.

**Electric Bus Purchase- Diesel Replacement – Snohomish County: \$2,000,000**

This funding will support Everett Transit's purchase of five zero-emission buses with the charging systems and infrastructure to support them. Acquiring funding for five electric buses will result in considerable savings over the useful life of the vehicles. The savings can be attributed to reduced fuel and maintenance costs, thereby allowing financial resources to support transportation services in the community.

**20th Street NE and Main Street Improvements – Snohomish County: \$2,500,000**

Funding for this project will be used to complete the Main Street improvements to progress the city's multimodal transportation system. Funding would put the finishing touches on a series of efforts to create a vibrant waterfront destination in Downtown Lake Stevens. As Lake Stevens has evolved from a small town to a diverse community of nearly 39,000, Lake Stevens has taken bold steps, as identified in its Downtown Plan, to rejuvenate the historic heart of the city.

**Rapid DNA System – Snohomish County: \$448,000**

This funding will help the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office purchase a Rapid DNA System, which will be used to submit DNA to the state DNA depository and the National Combined DNA Index System for analysis within 90 minutes of submittal time.

**Bellingham Interim Family Housing – Whatcom County: \$2,000,000**

This funding will go toward the construction of 25-30 emergency housing units for low-income families experiencing homelessness. This facility will also include onsite wrap-around services to address behavioral health concerns, employment re-entry, and secure children's access to education and childcare resources.

**City of Marysville Mother Nature's Window Park Project – Snohomish County: \$750,000**

This project will develop public access to Mother Nature's Window park site. The project will re-establish public access to the site since the once privately owned park closed in the 1970's. Improved access will allow for better maintenance and monitoring of the facility. The park will provide for public space and recreational opportunities, and will attract local and regional visitors to the area. Development will include access to the site, parking, fencing, installation of open play area(s), an off-leash dog park, a disc golf course, trail improvements, and a restroom facility.

**City of Lake Stevens for Lake Stevens Outlook Restoration – Snohomish County: \$500,000**

This funding will help replace the weir on Lake Stevens, construct channel improvements and repair North Lakeshore Drive in order to improve water quality, reduce flooding, and improve aquatic habitat. In the summer, the weir limits fish passage by decreasing baseflows. In addition, the stream channel is circumventing the weir and undercutting the road at North Lakeshore Drive. The replacement weir will be automated, controlled by lake level and rainfall forecasts to reduce the severity and occurrence of flooding on the lake and downstream channel.