



U.S. SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL WASHINGTON

Eastern Washington Projects Included in the FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

The Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill includes grants for 6 projects in Eastern Washington that Senator Cantwell supported, securing a total of \$13,900,000 for the region.

Bigelow-Sullivan Corridor: Sullivan & Trent Interchange – Spokane County: \$2,650,000

Funding will be used to complete the engineering design phase of the overall interchange project, which will reduce congestion and improve safety on a heavily trafficked freight and passenger corridor.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Relocation – Walla Walla County: \$750,000

This will assist the City of Walla Walla in relocating its EOC by renovating an existing larger building that is located on higher ground outside of the floodplain and away from any large earthquake risk.

Upper Columbia United Tribes Salmon Reintroduction Project– Spokane County: \$5,000,000

This will support an assessment to inform the design of downstream fish passage facilities and the feasibility of reintroducing salmon to the upper Columbia River. Salmon have been blocked from historic habitat in the upper Columbia for 110 years due to Chief Joseph, Grand Coulee, and Spokane River dams lacking fish passage facilities.

Tri-State Memorial Hospital Patient Imaging Project – Asotin County: \$2,500,000

The Tri-State Memorial Hospital (TSMH) Imaging Project will deliver state-of-the-art medical imaging services to the TSMH service area. Specifically, the funds will purchase two CT scanning machines and an MRI machine, including the medical shielding for radiation exposure and associated renovation expenses. TSMH is a community-operated not-for-profit Critical Access Hospital in Clarkston, Washington. Its patient base consists of a high volume of Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries. This patient mix coupled with the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic means that they need federal funding for their medical imaging purchases.

Samaritan Healthcare Women and Infant Services Initiative – Grant County: \$2,500,000

The grant is to fund a new labor and delivery unit and an advanced nursery to respond to the growing need in the community to have state-of-the-art labor and delivery options in Grant County. The creation of an Advanced Delivery unit will allow more families with complicated births and more women with critical conditions to get high-quality care close to home. Samaritan

Healthcare's facility and financial resources have been stretched to their limit during the COVID-19 pandemic and Samaritan already has a \$160+ million new hospital construction project underway that has exhausted the debt capacity of the hospital. Federal appropriations are necessary to bring this project forward. The project is shovel ready and construction will begin in 2023 with a new labor and delivery unit and advanced nursery expected to welcome patients starting in 2025.

Municipal Court Domestic Violence Intervention Program – Spokane County: \$500,000

Funding will be used to develop individual treatment approaches to address the underlying drivers of domestic violence and provide treatment to victims of domestic violence. Funding would also be used to refer victims of domestic violence who are financially challenged to receive Domestic Violence Intervention Treatment, and provide ongoing treatment between 26-52 weeks. The cost per individual treated ranges between \$1,000-\$3,000, and it is estimated federal funding would allow the Court to serve an initial cohort of 250 individuals.