

## 2023-25 Biennium Enacted Budget – Operating

Op	perating	Enacted Budget 5/16/2023					
	/2023 \$ in thousands - Biennialized FTEs	FTE	GF-State	MTCA <sup>1</sup>	Other	Total	
	3-25 Carryforward Base Budget	1,904.9	72,605	301,193	330,925	704,723	
Mai	ntenance Level Changes		<b>_</b>				
1	General Wage Adjustment <sup>2</sup>		82	674	249	1,005	
2	Public Participation Grants			1,440		1,440	
3	Teck Metals Litigation Support			700		700	
4	Minimum Wage Increases - Facilities		14	74	32	120	
5	Operations Center Lease Increase			32		32	
6	Recycling, Waste and Litter <sup>3</sup>				68	68	
7	Clean Energy <sup>3</sup>		(71)			(71)	
8	Chemicals in Consumer Products <sup>3</sup>	0.2		53		53	
9	Nutrient Controls for Puget Sound <sup>3</sup>	(0.3)	(74)			(74)	
10	Groundwater Monitoring <sup>3</sup>			(209)		(209)	
11	Consumer Product Safety <sup>3</sup>			54		54	
12	Dissolved Gas Rulemaking <sup>3</sup>	(1.0)	(290)			(290)	
13	GHG Emissions Evaluation <sup>3</sup>	(0.8)		(257)		(257)	
14	Yakima Groundwater Contamination <sup>3</sup>		(166)			(166)	
15	Streamflow Restoration Program <sup>3</sup>	(2.1)	(508)			(508)	
16	Recruit and Retention Adjustments <sup>4</sup>			208	240	448	
17	Other ML Changes <sup>5</sup>		100	258	145	503	
Pol	cy Level Changes		·				
Rec	luce and Prepare for Climate Impacts						
18	Assist Overburdened Communities	8.3			2,479	2,479	
19	GHG Inventory Development	4.6			1,248	1,248	
20	Washington Fuel Reporting System	0.8			1,796	1,796	
21	Implement Climate Commitment Act	6.3			3,633	3,633	
22	HFC Compliance	1.2		238		238	
23	Tribal Participation Grants for CCA	0.8			8,220	8,220	
24	Clean Energy Permitting (HB 1216)	26.5			13,248	13,248	
25	Local Government Climate Planning (HB 1181)	4.1			1,174	1,174	
26	Climate Change Response Strategy (HB 1170)	1.2			1,123	1,123	
	Alternative Jet Fuel (SB 5447)	4.4			1,263	1,263	
28	Air Operating Permit	0.2			64	64	
29	Fluorinated Gases <sup>3,6</sup>	13.3			2,714	2,714	
30	Clean Transportation Fuel Standards <sup>3</sup>	(3.3)			(202)	(202)	
31	CCA Expenditure Tracking	2.0			640	640	
32	GHG Reduction Grant Assistance				370	370	
	vent and Reduce Toxic Threats and Pollution	<u>ו ו</u>					
33	Laboratory Accreditation Auditors	5.8		1,774		1,774	
34	Litter Control and Waste Reduction	0.0		1,117	1,250	1,250	
9.	TurboPlan System Upgrade	1.7			1,200	1,050	
35					1,000	•	
35 36				660		033	
36	Cultural Resources for Cleanup	2.3		660 2 500		660 2 500	
36 37	Cultural Resources for Cleanup Washington Compost Emissions Study	2.3		2,500		2,500	
36	Cultural Resources for Cleanup						



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41	Brownfields Response Grants <sup>7</sup>	3.5			2,000	2,000	
42	Batteries/Environment (SB 5144)	3.7		1,220		1,220	
43	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (SB 5369)	0.7		822		822	
44	Recycling Study & Community Input			500		500	
45	Recycling Markets <sup>3</sup>				16	16	
46	Landfill Methane Emissions <sup>3</sup>		44			44	
47	Organic Materials Management <sup>3</sup>		(149)			(149)	
48	Spokane Solid Waste Study			200		200	
49	Compostable Product Usage (HB 1033)	0.4		340		340	
50	Cosmetic Product Chemicals (HB 1047)	2.5		1,124		1,124	
51	Plastic Pollution (HB 1085)	0.6		139		139	
52	Petroleum Storage Tanks (HB 1175)	0.2			43	43	
53	Wildland Fire Safety (HB 1578)	0.6		140		140	
Pro	tect and Manage Our State's Waters	ļļ					
54	Toxic Tire Wear in Stormwater	8.4		5,195		5,195	
55	Coastal Hazards Assistance	10.6			3,914	3,914	
56	Drought Preparedness and Response	2.3			8,000	8,000	
57	Municipal Wastewater Permitting	17.3			5,002	5,002	
58	Industrial Discharge Permitting	18.4			5,130	5,130	
59	Nooksack Adjudication	8.1	2,738			2,738	
60	Lake Roosevelt Adjudication	4.0	1,536			1,536	
61	WQ Grant and Loan Administration	8.6		560	1,576	2,136	
62	Contaminated Sites Redevelopment	5.8		1,430		1,430	
63	Addressing Nonpoint Pollution	10.4		2,256		2,256	
64	Whatcom Groundwater Monitoring	2.3		721		721	
65	Vessel and Oil Transfer Inspectors	2.3		552	237	789	
66	Tug Escort Environmental Assessment	1.2		1,106		1,106	
67	Floodplain Management Grants				800	800	
68	Wetland Mitigation Bank Oversight	2.3		548		548	
69	River Migration Mapping for Salmon	1.2	354			354	
70	WQ Fee and Loan Tracking Systems	1.2			468	468	
71	Padilla Bay Reserve	2.3		446		446	
72	Reduce Nooksack Basin Flooding	1.2			4,002	4,002	
73	Water Science Team Funding Shift <sup>8</sup>		(1,070)		,	(1,070)	
74	IIJA Investment Coastal Zone Mgmt <sup>7</sup>	1.0	(.,)		450	450	
75	IJA Investment in Padilla Bay <sup>7</sup>	1.0			300	300	
76	Marine Shoreline Habitat (SB 5104)	3.5			2,296	2,296	
77	San Juan Co Oil Spill Preparedness	0.0		276	2,200	2,236	
78	Nooksack Adjudication Assistance		1,300	210		1,300	
79	Water Use for Irrigation Analysis		500			500	
80	Kelp Conservation and Recovery		500		1,460	1,460	
80 81				330	1,400	330	
01	Vancouver Lake Clean Up Plan			330		330	



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		1,904.9	72,605					
Mai	ntenance Level Changes	· ·			·			
Oth	er							
82	Transfer GFS to MTCOA <sup>9</sup>		(5,660)	5,660		-		
83	WCC Member Wages and Benefits			831	1,670	2,501		
84	EAGL Modernization	7.2	485	2,106	1,258	3,849		
85	Cannabis Revenue Distributions				(596)	(596)		
86	Enterprise Content Management	6.9	300	1,306	780	2,386		
87	WFSE General Government <sup>10</sup>		3,427	13,936	12,068	29,431		
88	Non-Rep Recruitment/Retention <sup>11</sup>		33	151	127	311		
89	Non-Rep General Wage Increase <sup>12</sup>		442	1,992	1,612	4,046		
90	Vaccine Booster Incentive <sup>13</sup>		30	130	113	273		
91	Termination of Plan 1 UAAL Rate <sup>14</sup>		(452)	(1,954)	(1,600)	(4,006)		
92	Employee Classification Adjustments <sup>15</sup>		56	313	622	991		
93	Other PL Changes <sup>5</sup>		1,031	3,118	2,079	6,228		
Total Changes		231.6	4,032	59,185	94,631	157,848		
Tot	al Proposed Operating Budget	2,136.5	76,637	360,378	425,556	862,571		

<sup>1</sup> Model Toxics Control Operating Account (23P-1, 23P-7) and Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account (23R-1).

<sup>2</sup> Fully funds the 3.25 percent general wage increase from the 2022 supplemental operating budget which, for Ecology, did not reflect the significant staffing changes in the 2021-23 enacted and 2022 supplemental budgets.

<sup>3</sup> Reflects maintenance level adjustments based on information provided by Ecology with its 2023-25 operating budget request. These planned adjustments had been discussed with both OFM and legislative fiscal staff.

<sup>4</sup> Funds agencies for the recruitment and retention adjustments included in sec. 736 of the 2022 supplemental operating budget, to replace the allocation process under which fiscal year 2022 funding was distributed.

<sup>5</sup> Reflects nine statewide maintenance level and 15 policy level items, including adjustments for shared tenant M365 and real estate services to CSM, state data center, archives/records management, legal services, audit services, employee benefits, health and insurance benefits, and <sup>6</sup> Costs to implement HB 1050 - Fluorinated Gases shift from General Fund-State to fund 25T-1 - Refrigerant Emissions beginning mid-fiscal year 2024. This item aligns Ecology's funding level with the budget outlook and final fiscal note for HB 1050 beginning in 2023-25.

<sup>7</sup> General Fund-Federal appropriation is provided to support federal funding applied for and/or received through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law <sup>8</sup> Funding is shifted from Ecology to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to support instream flow setting. Funding for this work is currently passed through Ecology to WDFW via an interagency agreement.

<sup>9</sup> Reflects on ongoing fund shift of Ecology's base operating budget from General Fund-State to MTCA Operating Account.

<sup>10</sup> Funding is provided for a general wage increase of four percent, effective July 1, 2023; a general wage increase of three percent, effective July 1, 2024; targeted job classification base range increases; recruitment and retention lump sum payments for employees employed on or before July 1. 2022 and continuously employed through July 1. 2023: and a COVID-19 booster incentive of \$1.000 for represented employees. <sup>11</sup> Funding is provided for recruitment and retention lump sum payments for <u>non-represented</u> employees employed on or before July 1, 2022 and continuously employed through July 1. 2023.

<sup>12</sup> Funding is provided for a four percent general wage increase effective July 1, 2023 and a three percent general wage increase effective July 1, 2024 for non-represented employees.

<sup>13</sup> Funding is provided for a COVID-19 booster incentive of \$1,000 for <u>non-represented</u> employees.

<sup>14</sup> Funding is reduced for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) portion of the pension rates related to plans 1 of the Teachers'

Retirement and Public Employees' Retirement Systems, as provided in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5294 (Plan 1 UAAL rates).

<sup>15</sup> Funding is provided for targeted job classification base range increases for <u>non-represented</u> employees.



# Protecting the Environment | Ensuring Public Health | Supporting Economic Growth & Jobs

As the state's lead environmental agency, Ecology's mission is to protect and preserve the environment for current and future generations, while valuing and supporting Washington's economic success. We're tackling challenges that are unique to our times and require us to take a broad and holistic approach to our work that focuses on not only *what* we do, but also *how* we do it.

Ecology's strategic goals are to:

- Support and engage our communities, customers, and employees.
- Reduce and prepare for climate change impacts.
- Prevent and reduce toxic threats and pollution.
- Protect and manage our state's waters.

The following summarizes each budget item included in the 2023-25 enacted operating budget for Ecology. The numbers for each item correspond with the numbers in the spreadsheet at the beginning of this section.

Please note that the operating budget notes below are subject to change as the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and legislative staff finalize language later this fall.

#### Maintenance Level

- General Wage Adjustment. \$1,005,000. State agencies received funding in the 2022 supplemental operating budget for general wage increases based on staffing data from 2020. For the Department of Ecology, this did not reflect the changes to staffing in the 2021-23 biennial and 2022 supplemental budgets. Ongoing funding is provided for general wage increases using staffing data from May 2022. (Multiple Funds)
- 2. **Public Participation Grants. \$1,440,000.** Ongoing funding is provided for Ecology's public participation grant program funding and is adjusted to align with the mandated level of one percent of moneys collected under RCW 82.21.030, Hazardous Substance Tax. The Public Participation Program is a competitive grant program that provides funding to help individuals and not-for-profit public interest organizations facilitate public participation in the investigation and remediation of contaminated sites, carry out waste management education projects, and facilitate implementation of the state's solid and hazardous waste management priorities. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 3. Teck Metals Litigation Support. \$700,000. One-time funding is provided for Phase 3 of the Pakootas v. Teck Metals, Ltd. litigation, in which Washington and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation are co-plaintiffs in federal district court, is continuing into the 2023-25 biennium. Phases 1 and 2 of the litigation previously established Teck's liability for releases of metals and other chemicals into the Columbia River from its smelting complex



in Canada. Phase 3 of the litigation is focused on recovering natural resource injuries and damages. Funding is provided, consistent with the Attorney General's Office (AGO) budget request, to cover expert and AGO legal costs. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

- Minimum Wage Increases Facilities. \$120,000. Ongoing funding is provided for minimum wage increases, along with changes in prevailing wage rates, for a number of Ecology's existing service and maintenance contracts, including janitorial and security services. (Multiple Funds)
- 5. **Operations Center Lease Increase. \$32,000.** Ongoing funding is provided to cover a lease increase for the Department of Ecology's Operations Center lease in Thurston County. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 6. **Recycling, Waste, and Litter. \$68,000.** Ongoing funding for Chapter 313, Laws of 2021 (E2SSB 5022), which concerns recycling, waste, and litter, is adjusted consistent with the final fiscal note. (Recycled Content Account)
- Clean Energy. (\$71,000). The overall funding need for the Department of Ecology to implement the Clean Energy Act (Chapter 288, Laws of 2019), which transitions Washington's electric utilities to carbon neutrality starting in 2030, is \$71,000 less than in 2021-23. Funding is reduced on an ongoing basis, consistent with Ecology's 2020 budget request. (General Fund-State)
- 8. **Chemicals in Consumer Products. \$53,000, 0.2 FTE.** Ongoing funding is adjusted for Ecology's work with the Department of Health to determine regulatory actions for products containing Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals to implement Chapter 264, Laws of 2022, Partial Veto, (ESHB 1694). (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 9. Nutrient Controls for Puget Sound. (\$74,000), (0.3 FTE). Ecology has developed a Puget Sound general permit for wastewater treatment plants. Funding for this purpose is reduced ongoing. (General Fund-State)
- 10. **Groundwater Monitoring. (\$209,000).** Funding to reduce groundwater nitrate contamination in the Lower Yakima Valley aquifer is reduced on an ongoing basis, due to lower laboratory and vehicle rental costs. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 11. **Consumer Product Safety. \$54,000.** Ongoing funding is adjusted for implementation of the Safer Products Act, Chapter 292, Laws of 2019 (SSB 5135), which involves identification of safer alternatives for toxics in consumer products. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 12. **Dissolved Gas Rulemaking. (\$290,000), (1.0 FTE).** Funding was provided for a three-year rulemaking effort as part of the 2019 Orca task force recommendations. This rulemaking is complete, and funding is reduced on an ongoing basis, consistent with the funding proposal included in the 2019-21 operating budget. (General Fund-State)
- 13. **GHG Emissions Evaluation. (\$257,000), (0.8 FTE).** Funding for rulemaking to standardize the consideration of climate change risk and greenhouse gas emissions in environmental



assessments is reduced on an ongoing basis, as this work was completed in FY 2022. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

- 14. Yakima Groundwater Contamination. (\$166,000). Consistent with Ecology's 2021-23 budget request, funding is reduced on an ongoing basis for the implementation of a plan for reducing groundwater nitrate contamination in the lower Yakima Valley. (General Fund-State)
- 15. Streamflow Restoration Program. (\$508,000), (2.1 FTEs). Funding is reduced on an ongoing basis, consistent with Ecology's 2019-21 decision package relating to implementation of the Streamflow Restoration Program created in Chapter 1, Laws of 2018 (ESSB 6091). This law addressed the Washington State Supreme Court Hirst decision concerning local government approval of exempt wells for rural water supply. (General Fund-State)
- 16. **Recruit and Retention Adjustments. \$448,000.** Funding is adjusted for recruitment and retention increases funded in section 736 of the 2022 supplemental budget to replace the allocation process under which FY 2022 funding was distributed. (Multiple Funds)
- 17. **Other ML Changes. \$503,000.** Reflects nine maintenance level items, including adjustments for legal services, audit services, archives/records management, and central services (OFM, DES, CTS). (Multiple Funds).

### **Policy Level**

#### **Reduce and Prepare for Climate Impacts**

- 18. Assist Overburdened Communities. \$2,479,000, 8.3 FTEs. The Climate Commitment Act requires Ecology to reduce criteria air pollutant emissions in identified overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to set stricter standards for technology used to limit the air pollution released from stationary emission sources found in overburdened communities. (Climate Investment Account)
- 19. **GHG Inventory Development. \$1,248,000, 4.6 FTEs.** Ecology's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is the official measure for assessing progress towards meeting Washington's statutory emission limits. Additional funding is provided on an ongoing basis for improvements to the timeliness and accuracy of inventory data and staff to track the GHG impact of climate policies. (Climate Investment Account)
- 20. Washington Fuel Reporting System. \$1,796,000, 0.8 FTE. To implement the Clean Fuel Standard, Chapter 317, Laws of 2021 (E3SHB 1091), Ecology is developing the Washington Fuel Reporting System, an online market platform that will allow regulated entities to register for the program, report fuel transactions, calculate the credits and deficits generated by these transactions, and trade credits to achieve compliance. Ongoing funding



is provided over the next three years to collaborate with the state of California in codeveloping a new market platform. (Clean Fuels Program Account)

- 21. **Implement Climate Commitment Act. \$3,633,000, 6.3 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided for increased resources to implement the Climate Commitment Act. (Climate Investment Account)
- 22. HFC Compliance and Equity. \$238,000, 1.2 FTEs. Legislation passed in 2019 and 2021 established and expanded state restrictions on the sale of products containing certain hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), a category of greenhouse gases commonly used in air conditioning and refrigeration. Ongoing funding is provided to add a new HFC compliance inspector. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 23. **Tribal Participation Grants for CCA. \$8,220,000. 0.8 FTE.** Ongoing funding is provided for grants to Tribal governments to support their review and consultation regarding clean energy projects and programs. (Climate Investment Account)
- 24. **Clean Energy Permitting. \$13,248,000. 26.5 FTEs.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to implement Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1216 (Clean energy siting). Specific activities include developing non-project Environmental Impact Statements for renewable hydrogen, solar, and onshore wind energy, implementing a new process for clean energy permitting, and co-leading the Interagency Clean Energy Siting Coordinating Council. (Climate Commitment Account)
- 25. Local Government Climate Planning. \$1,174,000. 4.1 FTEs. Funding is provided to support Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1181 (Climate change/planning), which requires updates to the Growth Management Act to include considerations for climate change. (Climate Commitment Account)
- 26. **Climate Change Response Strategy. \$1,123,000. 1.2 FTEs.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided for Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1170 (Climate response strategy), which directs Ecology to update the statewide Climate Change Response Strategy in coordination with multiple other state agencies. (Climate Commitment Account)
- 27. Alternative Jet Fuel. \$1,263,000. 4.4 FTEs. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to implement the provisions of Substitute Senate Bill 5447 (Alternative jet fuel), which makes incentives to produce alternative fuels for aircraft. (Clean Fuels Program Account)
- 28. Air Operating Permit. \$64,000. 0.2 FTE. Industrial facilities are required to comply with and pay the full costs of Ecology's Air Operating Permit Program, based on an Ecology workload analysis. Expenditure authority is provided on an ongoing basis to match the revenue set by the 2023-25 workload analysis. (Air Operating Permit Account)
- 29. **Fluorinate Gasses. \$2,714,000. 13.3 FTEs.** Funding to implement the refrigerant management program in Chapter 315, Laws of 2021 (E2SHB 1050) is adjusted and shifted



from General Fund-State to the Refrigerant Emission Management Account on an ongoing basis. (Refrigerant Emissions Management Account)

- 30. Clean Transportation Fuel Standards. (\$202,000). (3.3) FTEs. One-time funding used to implement the Clean Fuels Program, Chapter 317, Laws of 2021 (E3SHB 1091) is reduced, consistent with the final fiscal note. (Clean Fuels Program Account)
- 31. **CCA Expenditure Tracking. \$640,000. 2.0 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided for a process to track and report on state agency expenditures from Climate Commitment Act accounts that provide benefits to overburdened communities or are supported by a Tribe. (Climate Investment Account)
- 32. **GHG Reduction Grant Assistance. \$370,000.** One-time funding is provided for a grant to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to identify greenhouse gas emission reduction projects and hire a grant writer to assist community-based organizations and local governments in overburdened communities with grant applications and reporting. (Climate Commitment Account)

#### Prevent and Reduce Toxic Threats and Pollution

- 33. Laboratory Accreditation Auditors. \$1,774,000, 5.8 FTEs. One-time funding is provided to increase the rate of drinking water lab audits for the 2023-25 biennium, as it is Ecology's responsibility to provide accreditation for drinking water laboratories. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- Litter Control and Waste Reduction. \$1,250,000. Ongoing funding is provided to develop a waste reduction campaign and continue to invest in litter control efforts on state highways. (Waste Reduction/Recycling/Litter Control Account)
- 35. **TurboPlan System Upgrade. \$1,050,000, 1.7 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided to upgrade TurboPlan, Ecology's IT reporting system that allows businesses and organizations to submit pollution prevention plans. (Hazardous Waste Assistance Account)
- 36. **Cultural Resources for Cleanup. \$660,000, 2.3 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided for staff focused on cultural resources protection at toxic cleanup sites. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 37. Washington Compost Emissions Study. \$2,500,000. One-time funding is provided to conduct a statewide compost emissions study. The information from this study will be used to improve the quality of permitting decisions, improve compost facility operations and odor control, and support state goals to reduce organic waste in landfills to help reduce climate change impacts. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 38. Address Toxic Tire Wear Chemical. \$2,702,000, 5.8 FTEs. One-time funding is provided to continue a safer alternatives assessment of the 6PPD chemical compounds used in tires and evaluate the toxicity of potential alternative materials on Coho and other species. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)



- Illegal Drug Ops Hazardous Waste. \$2,368,000, 8.7 FTEs. The Department of Ecology supports law enforcement agencies by managing waste found at illegal drug operations. Ongoing funding is provided to continue to collect, store, and dispose of waste from these sites. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 40. Hazardous Waste & Toxics IT Systems. \$422,000, 1.2 FTEs. Ongoing funding for information technology (IT) staff and contract resources is provided to enhance and maintain two of Ecology's IT systems, one related to hazardous waste generation, and one related to toxics in consumer products. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 41. Brownfields Response Grants. \$2,000,000. 3.5 FTEs. Ongoing federal authority is provided for an additional \$1 million per year for the next five years above Ecology's current State and Tribal Response Program (STRP) grant award. The STRP grant program supports funding to clean up brownfield sites that will be available for local communities to apply for through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. (General Fund-Federal)
- 42. Batteries/Environment. \$1,220,000. 3.7 FTEs. One-time funding is provided to implement the provisions of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5144 (Batteries/environment), which establishes a stewardship program for the disposal of batteries. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 43. **Polychlorinated Biphenyls. \$822,000. 0.7 FTE.** Ongoing funding is provided to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 5369 (Polychlorinated biphenyls), directing the Department of Ecology to petition the federal government to ban all polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) from consumer products and for Ecology to set state standards to remove PCBs from paints and printer ink. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 44. **Recycling Study & Community Input. \$500,000.** One-time funding is provided to conduct a study of post-consumer packaging, waste reduction targets, and identify scenarios for producer responsibility programs. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 45. **Recycling Markets. \$16,000.** The Sustainable Recycling Act, Chapter 166, Laws of 2019 (E2SHB 1543), created a Recycling Development Center to research, develop, expand, and incentivize markets for recycled commodities. Funding is adjusted on an ongoing basis, consistent with the final fiscal note. (Waste Reduction/Recycle Account)
- 46. Landfill Methane Emissions. \$44,000. Consistent with Ecology's final fiscal note, ongoing funding is provided to implement Chapter 179, Laws of 2022 (E2SHB 1663), which regulates methane emissions at landfills. (General Fund-State)
- Organics Materials Management. (\$149,000). Funding is reduced on an ongoing basis, consistent with Ecology's final fiscal note, which provided for a new Washington Center for Sustainable Food Management and other costs of Chapter 180, Laws of 2022 (E2SHB 1799). (General Fund-State)

- 48. **Spokane Solid Waste Study. \$200,000.** One-time funding is provided for a full emissions life-cycle analysis for solid waste processed at the Spokane Waste to Energy Facility. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- Compostable Product Usage. \$340,000. 0.4 FTE. One-time funding is provided for Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1033 (Compostable product usage), including an advisory committee to recommend standards for the management of compostable products. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 50. **Cosmetic Product Chemicals. \$1,124,000. 2.5 FTEs.** Funding is provided for Substitute House Bill 1047 (Cosmetic product chemicals), which bans the sale of cosmetic products that contain certain chemicals. Ecology's costs include alternatives assessments, outreach, enforcement, and rulemaking. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 51. **Plastic Pollution. \$139,000. 0.6 FTE.** Funding is provided for Substitute House Bill 1085 (Plastic pollution), which prohibits certain plastic structures over water and single-use plastic products at lodging establishments. Ecology's costs include outreach, compliance assistance, and enforcement. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 52. **Petroleum Storage Tanks. \$43,000. 0.2 FTE.** One-time funding is provided for Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1175 (Petroleum storage tanks), including rulemaking related to a new state financial assurance program for underground storage tanks. (Underground Storage Account)
- 53. **Wildland Fire Safety. \$140,000. 0.6 FTE.** Ongoing funding is provided for Second Substitute House Bill 1578 (Wildland fire safety), including collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources on community engagement and outreach related to wildfire smoke risks and impacts. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

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- 54. **Toxic Tire Wear in Stormwater. \$5,195,000, 8.4 FTEs**. One-time funding is provided to continue research on the ability of stormwater systems to filter out 6PPD chemical compounds and develop best management practices to treat contaminated stormwater. This work was funded one-time in the 2021-23 and 2022 supplemental budgets. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 55. **Coastal Hazards Assistance. \$3,914,000, 10.6 FTEs.** The Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council (WCMAC) developed a set of recommendations on coastal hazards, such as flooding and sea level rise, in 2021. Ongoing funding is provided for several of WCMAC's recommendations, including: (1) expanding data analysis to assess vulnerabilities within coastal communities, (2) delivering coordinated state-level technical assistance, and (3) increasing local capacity to design and implement on-the-ground projects. (Natural Climate Solutions Account)
- 56. **Drought Preparedness and Response. \$8,000,000, 2.3 FTEs.** Substitute House Bill 1138 (Drought preparedness) creates the Emergency Drought Response Account, which receives



a statutory transfer in years with an emergency drought declaration to ensure the account balance reaches \$3 million. Separately in the operating budget, \$2 million General Fund-State is transferred into the State Drought Preparedness Account. One-time spending authority is provided for both accounts. (State Drought Preparedness Account, State and Emergency Drought Response Account)

- 57. **Municipal Wastewater Permitting. \$5,002,000, 17.3 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided for additional staff to process water quality discharge permit fees for municipal wastewater treatment plants. (Water Quality Permit Account)
- 58. **Industrial Discharge Permitting. \$5,130,000, 18.4 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided for additional staff to process water quality permits for commercial and industrial facilities. (Water Quality Permit Account)
- 59. **Nooksack Adjudication. \$2,738,000, 8.1 FTEs** Ongoing funding is provided for a general adjudication of surface and groundwater rights in the Nooksack watershed. (General Fund-State)
- 60. Lake Roosevelt Adjudication. \$1,536,000, 4.0 FTEs. A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to conduct a general adjudication of surface and groundwater rights in the area of Lake Roosevelt and its middle tributaries. (General Fund-State)
- 61. WQ Grant & Loan Administration. \$2,136,000 8.6FTEs. Ongoing funding is provided for additional staff to administer grants and loans for water quality infrastructure and nonpoint pollution projects. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account, Water Pollution Control Revolving Admin Account)
- 62. **Contaminated Sites Redevelopment. \$1,430,000, 5.8 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided to address toxics in stormwater runoff from industrial and contaminated sites through additional permitting staff. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 63. Addressing Nonpoint Pollution. \$2,256,000, 10.4 FTEs. Ongoing funding is provided for additional nonpoint water quality positions to work with landowners and local governments to promote voluntary compliance, implement best management practices, and support the implementation of water quality cleanup plans. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 64. Whatcom Ground Water Monitoring. \$721,000, 2.3 FTEs. The Sumas-Blaine Aquifer is a drinking water source jointly managed by British Columbia and Washington State. Ongoing funding is provided to install wells to improve Ecology's ability to monitor the aquifer for nitrates. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 65. Vessel and Oil Transfer Inspectors. \$789,000, 2.3 FTEs. Ongoing funding is provided for additional staff to inspect vessels and oil transfers to reduce the risk of oil spills. (Oil Spill Prevention Account, Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 66. **Tug Escort Environmental Assessment. \$1,106,000, 1.2 FTEs.** Chapter 289, Laws of 2019 (ESHB 1578) directs the Board of Pilot Commissioners (BPC), in consultation with Ecology,



to adopt rules for tug escorts by December 31, 2025. To support this rulemaking, funding is provided for three years to conduct an environmental assessment of the impacts of tug escort requirements as required under the State Environmental Policy Act. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

- 67. **Floodplain Management Grants. \$800,000.** The Flood Control Assistance Account funds flood risk reduction activities, including grants and technical assistance to local governments. Funding for floodplain management grants is increased for the 2023-25 and 2025-27 biennia. (Flood Control Assistance Account)
- 68. Wetland Mitigation Bank Oversight. \$548,000, 2.3 FTEs. Wetland Mitigation Banks provide construction projects the option of purchasing credits to offset unavoidable project impacts. Ongoing funding for additional staff for monitoring and oversight of these banks is provided. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 69. **River Migration Mapping for Salmon. \$354,000, 1.2 FTEs.** Ecology was funded one-time in the 2022 supplemental budget to identify a preferred channel migration zone mapping methodology. One-time funding is provided for 2023-25 and will allow Ecology to validate the methodology created, develop a statewide mapping plan, and provide technical assistance to local and Tribal governments looking to use the new standard. (General Fund-State)
- 70. WQ Fee and Loan Tracking Systems. \$468,000, 1.2 FTEs. Ongoing funding is provided for additional maintenance of two fee databases and a loan tracking system in the Water Quality Program. (Multiple Funds)
- 71. **Padilla Bay Reserve Stewardship. \$446,000, 2.3 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided to maintain the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, including invasive species control, environmental education programs and research, and facilities maintenance. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 72. **Reduce Nooksack Basin Flooding. \$4,002,000. 1.2 FTEs.** Ongoing funding is provided for reducing flood-related damage in the Nooksack River basin, including local and state project planning and implementation through the Nooksack Transboundary Task Force and coordination with British Columbia. (Natural Climate Solutions Account)
- 73. Water Science Team Funding Shift. (\$1,070,000). The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) receives funding through an interagency agreement with Ecology to support the instream flow setting process. This ongoing funding is transferred from Ecology's budget to DFW's budget, rather than providing the funding through an interagency agreement, on an ongoing basis. (General Fund-State)
- 74. **IIJA Investment Coastal Zone Management. \$450,000, 1.0 FTE.** Ecology has received a one-time federal funding award through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for Washington's Coastal Zone Management Program to establish and manage a new Habitat Conservation and Resilience Partnership Program. The program will identify, develop, and prioritize habitat acquisition and restoration projects with the goal to restore and enhance



aquatic and shoreline habitats, support soft shoreline and nature-based approaches, and build resilience to climate change hazards. (General Fund-Federal)

- 75. **IIJA Investment in Padilla Bay. \$300,000, 1.3 FTE.** Ecology has received federal funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) to build capacity and advance restoration and conservation efforts at the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. This one-time funding will support a Restoration Assistant focused on planning, coordinating, and developing habitat restoration and conservation projects, and provide support for grants and contracts coordination related to BIL funding. (General Fund-Federal)
- 76. **Marine Shoreline Habitat. \$2,296,000, 3.5 FTE.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 5104 (Marine shoreline habitat), which creates a record of changes to shorelines through photographic evidence. (Natural Climate Solutions Account)
- 77. San Juan Co Oil Spill Preparedness. \$276,000. Ongoing funding is provided for grants to San Juan County to assist in oil spill response and preparedness. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 78. **Nooksack Adjudication Assistance. \$1,300,000.** One-time funding is provided for grants to local government, Tribes, and stakeholders of water rights adjudication in the Nooksack River watershed. (General Fund-State)
- 79. Water Use for Irrigation Analysis. \$500,000. One-time funding is provided for an analysis of water use for irrigation under the potential scenario of lower Snake River dam removal. (General Funds-State)
- 80. **Kelp Conservation and Recovery. \$1,460,000.** One-time funding is provided for grants to organizations to coordinate, monitor, restore and research Puget Sound kelp conservation and recovery. (Natural Climate Solutions Account)
- 81. Vancouver Lake Clean Up Plan. \$330,000. One-time funding is provided to develop and implement the Vancouver Lake clean-up plan. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

#### Other

- 82. **Transfer GF-S to MTCOA** (**\$5,660,000**) **GF-S** / **\$5,660,000 MTCA Operating**. Funding provided during the 2021-23 biennium for Yakima groundwater contamination, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) monitoring, and the Washington Center for Sustainable Food Management created in Chapter 180, Laws of 2022 (E2SHB 1799) is shifted from General Fund-State to the Model Toxics Control Operating Account on an ongoing basis. (General Fund-State, Model Toxics Control Operating Account)
- 83. WCC Member Wage and Benefits. \$2,501,000. The Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) collaborates with organizations to complete environmental restoration and recreation enhancement projects statewide. Funding is adjusted on an ongoing basis to provide a





WCC member living allowance that is comparable to the state minimum wage law. (Model Toxics Control Operating Account)

- 84. **EAGL Modernization. \$3,849,000, 7.2 FTEs.** A combination of one-time and ongoing funding is provided to upgrade Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans (EAGL) system and move it from the Ecology Data Center to a cloud environment. (Multiple Funds)
- 85. **Cannabis Revenue Distribution. (\$596,000).** Appropriations from the Dedicated Cannabis Account are adjusted on an ongoing basis, pursuant to Chapter 169, Laws of 2022 (E2SSB 5796) and the March 2023 revenue forecast. (Dedicated Cannabis Account)
- 86. Enterprise Content Management. \$2,386,000, 6.9 FTEs. In 2021, Ecology completed a legislatively funded Enterprise Content Management (ECM) feasibility study. Ongoing funding is provided to implement ECM at Ecology, beginning with archiving Ecology's digital files and related work. (Multiple Funds)
- 87. WFSE General Government. \$29,431,000. Ongoing funding is provided for a collective bargaining agreement between the State and the Washington Federation of State Employees, covering general government employees. (Multiple Funds)
- 88. **Non-Rep Recruitment/Retention. \$311,000** One-time funding is provided for \$1,000 recognition and retention payments for eligible state employees, who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to a determination of financial feasibility. (Multiple Funds)
- 89. Non-Rep General Wage Increase. \$4,046,000. Ongoing funding is provided for wage increases of four percent, effective July 1, 2023, and three percent, effective July 1, 2024, for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to a determination of financial feasibility. (Multiple Funds)
- 90. Vaccine Booster Incentive. \$273,000. One-time funding is provided for a \$1,000 COVID-19 booster incentive for employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to a determination of financial feasibility. (Multiple Funds)
- 91. **Termination of Plan 1 UAAL Rate. (4,006,000).** Funding s reduced on an ongoing basis for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) portion of the pension rates related to plans 1 of the Teachers' Retirement and Public Employees' Retirement Systems, as provided in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5294 (Plan 1 UAAL rates). (Multiple Funds)
- 92. Employee Classification Adjustments. \$991,000 Ongoing funding is provided for salary increases for non-represented individuals in classified positions with recruitment and retention problems. Increases include shift premiums and facility premiums, and are focused on Eastern and Western State Hospitals, and facilities operated by the Department of Youth, Children and Families and the Department of Veteran's Affairs. (Multiple Funds)



93. Other PL Changes. \$6,228,000. Reflects 10 policy level items, including adjustments for legal services, audit services, archives/records management, and central services (OFM, DES, CTS) (Multiple Funds).



## 2023-25 Biennium Enacted Budget – Capital

Capital	Enacted Budget 5/16/2023					
5/16/2023 \$ in thousands	SBCA	MTCA <sup>1</sup>	Other	Total		
Prevent and Reduce Toxic Threats and Pollution						
1 Protect Investments in Cleanup Remedies		4,450		4,45		
2 Remedial Action Grant Program		115,111		115,11		
3 Reducing Diesel Greenhouse Gases (GHG) and Toxic Emissions		15,632		15,63		
4 Improving Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Initiative			21,400	21,40		
5 Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant Program		12,259		12,25		
6 Clean Up Toxic Sites – Puget Sound		7,455		7,45		
7 PFAS Contaminated Drinking Water	1,500	7,857		9,35		
8 Reducing Toxic Wood Stove Emissions		4,144		4,14		
9 ASARCO Everett Smelter Plume Cleanup		7,679		7,67		
10 Product Replacement Program		6,500		6,50		
11 Swift Creek Natural Asbestos Flood Control and Cleanup	4,000			4,00		
12 Eastern Washington Clean Sites Initiative		950		95		
13 Waste Tire Pile Cleanup and Prevention			1,000	1,00		
14 Landfill Methane Capture <sup>2</sup>			15,000	15,00		
15 PSCAA Ultra-fine Particle Monitoring			400	40		
16 PFAS Statewide Funding Strategy		400		40		
17 DDT Soil Remediation Pilot		5,000		5,00		
Protect and Manage Our State's Waters	·		•			
18 Water Pollution Control Revolving Program			635,000	635,00		
19 Centennial Clean Water Program		40,000		40,00		
20 Floodplains by Design	49,800		17,592	67,39		
21 Stormwater Financial Assistance Program		68,000		68,00		
22 Columbia River Water Supply Development Program	59,200		1,500	60,70		
23 Yakima River Basin Water Supply	49,000			49,00		
24 Chehalis Basin Strategy	70,000			70,00		
25 Streamflow Restoration Program			40,000	40,00		
26 Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Water Conservation	3,246			3,24		
27 State Match - Water Pollution Control Revolving Program			35,000	35,00		
28 Stormwater Public Private Partnerships		3,000		3,00		
29 Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program			16,700	16,70		
30 Coastal Wetlands Federal Funds			14,000	14,00		
31 Freshwater Aquatic Invasive Plants Grant Program			1,700	1,70		
32 Freshwater Algae Grant Program			710	71		
33 Padilla Bay Samish Conservation Area <sup>3</sup>			2,333	2,33		
34 North Shore Levee <sup>4</sup>	18,500			18,50		
35 Drought Response	3,000			3,00		
Facility Related	•					
36 Product Testing Laboratory Construction	350			35		
37 Zosel Dam Preservation	5,549			5,54		
38 Elevator Restorations at Ecology Facilities	1,735			1,73		
Total Proposed Capital Budget	265,880	298,437	802,335	1,366,65		

<sup>1</sup> Model Toxics Control Capital (23N-1) and Stormwater (23R-1) Accounts.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is provided to administer a grant program for landfills to comply with methane emission requirements established in Chapter 70A.540 RCW.

<sup>3</sup> Federal expenditure authority is provided to support funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for the Padilla Bay Conservation Area.

<sup>4</sup> Funding is provided to match federal funding for the Aberdeen-Hoquiam flood protection project.



# Protecting the Environment | Ensuring Public Health | Supporting Economic Growth & Jobs

As the state's lead environmental agency, Ecology's mission is to protect and preserve the environment for current and future generations, while valuing and supporting Washington's economic success. We're tackling challenges that are unique to our times and require us to take a broad and holistic approach to our work that focuses on not only *what* we do, but also *how* we do it.

Ecology's strategic goals are to:

- Support and engage our communities, customers, and employees.
- Reduce and prepare for climate change impacts.
- Prevent and reduce toxic threats and pollution.
- Protect and manage our state's waters.

The following summarizes each budget item included in the 2023-25 enacted capital budget for Ecology. The numbers for each item correspond with the numbers in the spreadsheet at the beginning of this section.

Please note that the Operating Budget notes below are subject to change as the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and legislative staff finalize language later this fall.

#### Prevent and Reduce Toxic Threats and Pollution

- 1. **Protect Investments in Cleanup Remedies. \$4,450,000.** Funding is provided to meet legal requirements, protect public investments in cleanup, and protect human health and the environment from remedy failure under the Superfund State Contract that provides financial assurance and a legal commitment for the state to share costs. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 2. **Remedial Action Grant Program. \$115,111,000** Funding is provided for grants to local governments to clean up contaminated sites in Washington. These projects support clean up at contaminated industrial sites that impact the air, land, and water resources of the state and continued cleanup of Puget Sound. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 3. **Reducing Diesel Greenhouse Gases (GHG) and Toxic Emissions. \$15,632,000**. Funding is provided to replace diesel school buses with zero-emission buses and associated charging infrastructure. Funding may also be used for idle reduction and other diesel engine replacement projects. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 4. **Improving Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Initiative. \$21,400,000.** Funding is provided to reduce criteria air pollutant emissions in overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution. Of the funding appropriated, \$10 million is for purchasing air quality monitoring equipment. (Air Quality and Health Disparities Improvement Account)



- 5. Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant Program. \$12,259,000. Funding is provided to clean up hazardous sites and expand buildable land to develop affordable housing. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- Clean Up Toxic Sites Puget Sound. \$7,455,000. Funding is provided for cleanup projects to protect public and environmental health, create jobs, and promote economic development in the Puget Sound basin. Related to Puget Sound Action Agenda Implementation. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 7. **PFAS Contaminated Drinking Water. \$9,357,000.** Funding is provided for a treatment system on municipal drinking water wells and to continue the investigation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contaminated drinking water in the Lower Issaquah Valley. (State Building Construction Account, Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 8. **Reducing Toxic Wood Stove Emissions. \$4,144,000.** Funding is provided to replace wood stoves with cleaner home heating options and deploy cleaner burning emission control solutions. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 9. **ASARCO Everett Smelter Plume Cleanup. \$7,679,000.** Funding continues the cleanup of sites with contaminated soil from operation of the American Smelting and Refining Company smelter site in the city of Everett, which follows Ecology's 10-year cleanup plan. Related to Puget Sound Action Agenda Implementation. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- Product Replacement Program. \$6,500,000. Funding is provided for the Department of Ecology to offer financial incentives to Washington businesses to remove or replace consumer products containing toxic chemicals through technology and infrastructure upgrades, best management practices, disposal programs, and the use of safer chemicals. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 11. Swift Creek Natural Asbestos Flood Control and Cleanup. \$4,000,000. Funding is provided to continue the next phase of work on the Swift Creek cleanup and flood control. The Swift Creek landslide is a long-term, slow-moving debris slide that contains naturally occurring asbestos, affecting residents in the downstream floodplain east of the city of Everson. (State Building Construction Account)
- 12. Eastern Washington Clean Sites Initiative. \$950,000. Funding is provided for the Eastern Washington Clean Sites Initiative for remediation activities on contaminated sites, including cleanup work related to metals contamination, leaking underground storage tanks, landfills, salvage yards and wood treatment facilities. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 13. Waste Tire Pile Cleanup and Prevention. \$1,000,000. Funding is provided to prevent and remove waste tire piles and to educate the public about tire storage and hauling regulations. (Waste Tire Removal Account)



- 14. Landfill Methane Capture. \$15,000,000. Funding is provided for grants to reduce methane emissions from municipal landfills. (Climate Commitment Account)
- 15. **PSCAA Ultra-fine Particle Monitoring. \$400,000.** Funding is provided for the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) to set up ultra-fine particle monitoring sites. (Air Quality and Health Disparities Account)
- 16. **PFAS Statewide Funding Strategy. \$400,000.** Funding is provided for a statewide funding strategy for reducing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in the environment. The study must focus on funding for future capital projects. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 17. **DDT Soil Remediation Pilot. \$5,000,000.** Funding is provided for a pilot program in Okanogan County to remediate soil contaminated with dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) and DDT remnants. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)

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- 18. Water Pollution Control Revolving Program. \$635,000,000 Funding is provided for lowinterest loans to local governments and Tribes to plan, design, acquire, construct, and improve water pollution control facilities and related non-point source activities to meet state and federal water pollution control requirements. (Water Pollution Control Revolving Account)
- 19. **Centennial Clean Water Program. \$40,000,000.** Funding is provided for the Centennial Clean Water Program, providing grants to public entities for the construction of water pollution control facilities, and planning and implementing nonpoint pollution control activities. (Model Toxics Control Capital Account)
- 20. **Floodplains by Design. \$67,392,000.** Funding is provided for technical assistance and projects to restore natural floodplain conditions by preserving open spaces, improving long-term community flood resilience, reducing flood risks to infrastructure, and development and improving habitat conditions for salmon and other species. Floodplains by Design combines flood hazard reduction actions with salmon recovery, and river and habitat restoration. (State Building Construction Account, Natural Climate Solutions Account)
- 21. **Stormwater Financial Assistance Program. \$68,000,000.** Funding is provided to finance stormwater retrofit projects that treat polluted stormwater in priority areas throughout the state to reduce toxics and other pollution in waterways and protect marine waters, estuaries, lakes, rivers, and groundwater resources. (Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account)
- 22. Columbia River Water Supply Development Program. \$60,700,000. Funding is provided for the Columbia River Basin Water Supply Development Program to continue to build on projects currently being implemented and new projects, including pursuing water supplies to benefit both instream and out-of-stream uses through storage, conservation, and



voluntary regional water management agreements. (State Building Construction Account, Columbia River Basin Water Supply Revenue Recovery Account)

- 23. Yakima River Basin Water Supply. \$49,000,000. Funding is provided to continue implementation of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan. (State Building Construction Account)
- 24. **Chehalis Basin Strategy. \$70,000,000.** Funding is provided to design and implement flood reduction and habitat restoration projects prescribed by the Chehalis Basin Strategy, including new grants, contracts, interagency agreements, and staff. (State Building Construction Account)
- 25. **Streamflow Restoration Program. \$40,000,000.** Funding is provided for competitive grants for projects that include water acquisition, storage, retiming, aquifer storage and recharge, habitat improvement, water use, and streamflow monitoring. (Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Bond Account)
- 26. **Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District Water Conservation. \$3,246,000.** Funding is provided for the state's share of the Sunnyside Division Water Rights Settlement Agreement in the Yakima River Basin Water Rights Adjudication, to implement water conservation measures that reduce diversions to the Sunnyside Division from the Yakima River. (State Building Construction Account)
- 27. **State Match Water Pollution Control Revolving Program. \$35,000,000.** Funding is provided to fulfill the 20 percent state match requirement for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund annual federal capitalization grant. (Water Pollution Control Revolving Account)
- 28. **Stormwater Public Private Partnerships. \$3,000,000** Funding is provided to finance stormwater retrofit projects that treat polluted stormwater through public-private partnerships. (Model Toxics Control Stormwater Account)
- 29. Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program. \$16,700,000. Expenditure authority for federal funds is provided for a new grant program that assists municipalities to plan, design, and construct treatment projects to intercept, transport, control, treat or reuse municipal combined or sanitary sewer overflows, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water. (General Fund-Federal)
- 30. **Coastal Wetlands Federal Funds. \$14,000,000.** Expenditure authority is provided for federal grants to protect coastal and estuarine areas with funds from the competitive National Coastal Wetland Conservation grant program through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (General Fund-Federal)
- 31. Freshwater Aquatic Invasive Plants Grant Program. \$1,700,000. Funding is provided for grants and technical assistance to local and state governments, Tribes, and special purpose districts to manage freshwater aquatic invasive plants. (Freshwater Aquatic Weeds Account)

- 32. Freshwater Algae Grant Program. \$710,000. Funding is provided for grants to manage freshwater harmful algal blooms, technical assistance to grantees, and public information about aquatic algae control. (Aquatic Algae Control Account)
- 33. **Padilla Bay Samish Conservation Area. 2,333,000.** Federal expenditure authority is provided for the Padilla Bay Samish Conservation Area. (General Fund-Federal)
- 34. North Shore Levee. \$18,500,000. Funding is provided as a pass-through grant to match federal funding for the Aberdeen-Hoquiam Flood Protection Project, North Shore Levee, and North Shore Levee-West segments. The Legislature intends to provide funds in the amount of \$35.5 million over the course of the 2023-25 and 2025-27 fiscal biennia. (State Building Construction Account)
- 35. **Drought Response. \$3,000,000.** Funding is provided for projects related to drought mitigation, water rights acquisition, and long-term leasing of water rights. (State Building Construction Account)

### **Facility Related**

- 36. **Product Testing Laboratory Construction. \$350,000.** Predesign funding is provided to retrofit existing space in the basement of the department's headquarters building into a laboratory that performs analysis and testing of organic material contained in consumer products. (State Building Construction Account)
- 37. **Zosel Dam Preservation. \$5,549,000.** Funds are provided for repairs and maintenance activities at Zosel Dam. The Department of Ecology is required to maintain operational effectives under an International Agreement with Canada. (State Building Construction Account)
- 38. Elevator Restorations at Ecology Facilities. \$1,735,000. Funding is provided to update and restore three traction elevators at the Ecology headquarters building and the hydraulic elevator at the Padilla Bay Reserve work site. (State Building Construction Account)

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