

**Environmental Justice Council  
2025-2027 Budget Recommendations  
Crosswalk with Final Operating, Capital, and Transportation Budgets  
May 28, 2025**

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| <b>Assessment of Equitable Transit Services</b><br>\$900,000 to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to complete the analysis as directed in the 2024 Supplemental Transportation Budget (Section 221(25)). |   |   | <b>Sec 221(9):</b> \$900,000 for WSDOT to implement recommendations from the 2023 Frequent Transit Service Study with a report due June 30, 2026.<br><br>Fund Source: Carbon Emissions Reduction Account |
| \$26,355,000 to the Department of Health (DOH) to continue the <b>HEAL Community and Tribal Capacity Grant Program</b> as ongoing funding at the same  | <b>Sec 224(9):</b> \$4M to DOH, Environmental Public Health (EPH) to administer capacity grants<br><br>Agency Detail for DOH, EPH, #11      |   |  |

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| level it was funded in the 23-25 operating budget.   | Fund Source: Climate Commitment Account, ongoing<br><br>Note: Because the HEAL Capacity Grants were previously funded on a one-time basis, this represents a significant reduction in HEAL community and Tribal capacity funding. |   |   |
| Fund the Department of Health (DOH) to build on the foundational <b>Participatory Budgeting</b> work they started this biennium and honor the commitment of \$32,600,000 that the Legislature originally allocated toward community-selected and tribally-selected projects. |   | <b>Sec 1029:</b> \$8.3M to Commerce for Community Participatory Budgeting<br><br>Fund Source: Air Quality and Health Disparities Improvement Account (AQHDIA)<br><br>\$0 projected for future biennia |   |
| \$5,500,000 to the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to expand the Frontline <b>Community Assemblies</b> infrastructure, resource additional   | Not Funded  |   |   |

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| entities, and provide community compensation.   |   |   |   |
| <b>Tribal Climate Adaption and Mitigation</b><br>Fund infrastructure and land reacquisition needs identified within Tribal Nations’ climate adaptation plans and/or climate vulnerability assessments.          |   | <b>Sec 1028:</b> \$50M to Commerce for Tribal Climate Adaptation Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$28,633,000 for grants to mitigate and adapt to climate change</li> <li>\$21,367,000 for specified projects</li> </ul> Fund Source: Climate Commitment Account<br><br>\$200M projected for future biennia |   |
| <b>Recreation Impacts on Protected Tribal Rights</b> (support for the State-Tribal Recreation Impacts Initiative)   | Not funded - See specific agency Decision Packages for the State-Tribal Recreation Impacts Initiative (below)                       |   |   |
| <b>Increase Enforcement Capacity at the Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Wildlife</b>  | Not funded<br><br>Agency Detail for DNR, #45 – <b>Elimination</b> of \$2,700,000 to eliminate funding                               |   |   |

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| <p>\$3,375,000 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to hire 15 additional law enforcement officers and the necessary standard equipment for each. Support the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s (DFW) Decision Package for wildlife officers. Engage Tribes to identify other solutions, such as resourcing Tribes directly to hire their own officers to protect the environment and protected Tribal rights. Engage Tribes and agencies to identify concerns about disproportionate enforcement of non-natural resource-related violations against Tribal members and Black, Indigenous, and people of color and recommendations for training.</p> | <p>provided in the 2023-2025 budget for recreation land activities, including additional law enforcement, a statewide data management system, incorporation of cultural resources into management plans, and a strategy for additional public access opportunities.</p> <p>Note: This eliminates funding for 5 of the agency’s 16 law enforcement offers. This cut also impacts DNR’s previous funding for the State-Tribal Recreation Impacts Initiative (see below)</p> |   |   |
| <p><b>\$1,000,000 to DNR for ongoing tree canopy assessment</b></p>  | <p>Not funded</p>   |   |   |
| <p><b>Statewide Energy Assistance</b><br/> \$45M to the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to pilot the state administered monthly low-income energy bill assistance program.</p>   | <p>Not funded</p>   |   |   |

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| <b>Data Standards to Promote Data Equity</b><br>Fund the Executive and Judicial branches to co-lead development of Washington State standards for collection, analysis, and reporting of demographic data.      | Not funded   |   |   |
| \$3.6M to Commerce to partner with Washington Tribes and overburdened communities to proactively identify <b>low-conflict clean energy siting areas for transmission corridors</b> .                            | <b>Sec. 133(8):</b> \$2.5M for Commerce, Energy and Innovation, for engagement of Tribal Collaborative and participating Tribes when siting renewable energy generation and transmission facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2M for engagement of a Tribal Collaborative and participating Tribes</li> <li>• \$500,000 for Commerce to engage with communities</li> </ul> Agency Detail for Commerce, Energy and Innovation, #18<br><br>Fund Source: Climate Commitment Account, one-time |   |   |
| \$250,000 to the Washington State Department of Agriculture to identify   | Not funded   |   |   |

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| state resources dedicated to <b>reducing pollution from commercial agriculture</b>  |   |   |   |
| <b>Barriers to Community Reporting of Environmental Violations</b><br>Fund the Department of Ecology to develop and maintain a one-stop-shop online tool for reporting suspected environmental violations and concerns and to support and staff a multi-agency coordination group to manage incoming reports. | <b>Sec 302(22):</b> \$400,000 for Ecology to develop a report that analyzes equity and accessibility for environmental incident reporting and resolution and provide recommendations<br><br>Agency Detail for Ecology, #18<br><br>Fund Source: Climate Commitment Account, one-time   |   |   |
| <b>Agency Decision Package Endorsements</b>   |   |   |   |
| \$3,564,000 to fund the Environmental Justice Council’s Decision Package, <b>“Environmental Justice Council Staff”</b>  | <b>Sec 224(8):</b> \$7,924,000 for DOH, EPH, to implement the HEAL Act including additional staff and support for the EJ Council and implementation of a community engagement plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This appropriation includes \$750,000 new appropriation for the EJ Council, carryforward funding, and additional appropriation to correct a budget error in the 2025 supplemental.</li> </ul> |   |   |

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|   | Agency Detail for DOH, EPH, #9<br><br>Fund Source: Climate Commitment Act, ongoing  |   |   |
| \$2,409,000 for DOH’s Decision Package, <b>“Healthy Environment for All Act”</b>  | <b>Sec 224(11):</b> \$1,124,000 to DOH, EPH, for the health disparities map and to increase staff for environmental assessments.<br><br>Agency Detail for DOH, EPH, #12<br><br>Fund Source: Climate Commitment Act, ongoing |   |   |
| \$1,376,000 for the Washington State Department of Agriculture’s (WSDA) Decision Package, <b>“Advancing Equity and the HEAL Act”</b>  | Not funded  |   |   |
| \$2,114,000 for Ecology’s Decision Package, <b>“Environmental Justice Capacity”</b>   | <b>Sec 302(23):</b> \$1,150,000 for Ecology to continue implementation of EJ requirements in the HEAL Act and state and federal EJ and equity mandates  |   |   |

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|   | Agency Detail for Ecology, #19<br><br>Fund Source: Various Accounts, ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$639,000 – Model Toxics Control Operating Account</li> <li>• \$255,000 – Climate Investment Account</li> <li>• \$128,000 – Water Quality Permit Account</li> <li>• \$128,000 – Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account</li> </ul> |   |   |
| \$3M for Commerce’s Decision Package, “HEAL Act Compliance Staffing”  | <b>Sec 134(2):</b> \$1,500,000 for Commerce, Program Support, to continue implementation of the HEAL Act.<br><br>Agency Detail for Commerce, Program Support #7<br><br>Fund Source: Climate Commitment Account, ongoing<br><br>Note: Partial funding of Commerce’s Decision Package represents a significant (\$1.5M) reduction in HEAL implementation funding          |   |   |



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| \$45,025,000 for OSPI's Decision Package, <b>"Equitable Access to Clean Air and Improving Classroom Air Quality"</b>  |   | <b>Sec 6292:</b> Reappropriation of \$44,472,000 to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for the School District Indoor Air Quality and Energy Efficiency grant program.<br><br>Fund Source: Various Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30M - Climate Commitment Account</li> <li>• \$14,472,000 - Common School Construction Account</li> </ul> \$0 projected for future biennia |   |
| \$50M for the Department of Commerce's Decision Package <b>"Clean Energy Community Grant"</b>   |   | <b>Sec 1011:</b> 10M for Commerce for Clean Energy Community Grants<br><br>Fund Source: Climate Commitment Account   |   |

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|   |  | \$40M projected for future biennia  |   |
| \$10M for Commerce’s Decision Package, <b>“Clean Energy Ambassadors”</b>  | Not funded   |   |   |
| \$2.7M for Energy Navigators and \$400,000 in FY26 and \$100,000 in FY27 for the Grant/Incentive Web Portal in Commerce’s Decision Package, <b>“Continuation of CCA Dollars”</b>                                | The Energy Navigators program was not funded.<br><br>Agency Detail for Commerce, Energy and Innovation, #6, \$2,516,000 for Continuation of CCA Items, including the Grant/Incentives Web Portal, estimated at \$500K in the agency Decision Package.<br><br>Fund Source: Climate Commitment Account, one-time |   |   |
| \$2M for DOH’s Decision Package <b>“Lower Yakima Valley Safe Water”</b>   | <b>Sec 224(6):</b> \$1,169,000 for DOH/EPH to implement the nitrate water hazard mitigation plan to support safe drinking water in the Lower Yakima Valley.  |   |   |

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|   | Fund Source: Model Toxics Control Operating Account   |   |   |
| \$1,624,000 for DOH’s Decision Package, <b>“Options for Tainted Drinking Water”</b>   | <b>Sec 224(5):</b> \$685,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$685,000 for Fiscal Year 2027 for DOH/EPH to assist with access to safe drinking water for homes and businesses with individual wells or small water systems that are contaminated.<br><br>Fund Source: General Fund-State |   |   |
| \$1,533,000 for DOH’s Decision Package, <b>“Community-Led Health Equity Zones”</b>  | <b>Sec 226(10):</b> \$257,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 and \$257,000 for Fiscal Year 2027 for DOH, Prevention and Community Health, to support Health Equity Zones.<br><br>General Fund-State   |   |   |
| \$637,000 for Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Decision Package, <b>“Rec Lands/Cultural Resources”</b> – this is aimed at supporting the State-Tribal Recreation Impacts Initiative                        | Not funded<br><br>Agency Detail for DNR, #45 – <b>Elimination</b> of \$2,700,000 to eliminate funding provided in the 2023-2025 budget for recreation land activities, including additional law enforcement, a statewide  |   |   |

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|   | data management system, incorporation of cultural resources into management plans, and a strategy for additional public access opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This eliminates previous funding for DNRs State-Tribal Recreation Impact Initiative.</li> <li>• General Fund-State, ongoing</li> </ul> |   |   |
| \$818,000 for State Park’s Decision Package, <b>“Tribal State Lands Stewardship”</b> – this is aimed at supporting the State-Tribal Recreation Impacts Initiative   | Not funded  |   |   |
| Funding for portions of WDFW’s Decision Package, <b>“Lands Stewardship”</b> – portions of this Decision Package are aimed at supporting the State-Tribal Recreation Impacts Initiative                          | Not funded  |   |   |
| \$3,916,000 for the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA) Decision Package, <b>“Tribal State Lands Stewardship”</b> – this is aimed at supporting the State-Tribal Recreation Impacts                      | Not funded  |   |   |

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| \$17,281,000 for WDFW’s Decision Package, “ <b>Expanding Fish and Wildlife Police</b> ”   | Not funded   |   |   |
| <b>Funding Cuts Related to Past EJ Council Budget Recommendations</b>   |  |   |   |
| <b>Department of Natural Resources HEAL Implementation</b>  | Agency Detail for DNR #13: Reduction of \$580,000 to <b>eliminate</b> two positions who work on EJ Assessments. This impacts DNR’s ongoing carryforward for HEAL implementation<br><br>General Fund-State, ongoing   |   |   |
| <b>Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) HEAL Implementation</b>  | Agency Detail WSDA, #22, <b>Reduction</b> of \$258,000 for a vacant Equity Advisor position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While this position was focused on broader equity work at the agency, it also supported HEAL implementation.</li> <li>GFS, ongoing</li> </ul> |   |   |
| <b>Department of Commerce – Reducing Barriers to Grant Programs</b>   | Agency Detail for Commerce, Program Support #4: Reduction of \$253,000 to <b>eliminate</b> funding for Commerce to   |   |   |

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|  | incorporate equity and EJ into agency grant programs.<br><br>Climate Commitment Account, ongoing   |   |   |
| <b>Department of Health – Workplace Safety and Health EJ Grant Program</b><br><br>This program was originally funded at \$10M ongoing in the 2023-2025 biennium.   | <b>Sec 224(3):</b> \$4M for the Department of Health to administer a workplace health and safety program for workers affected by climate impacts.<br><br>Agency Detail for DOH/EPH, #4:<br><b>Reduction</b> of \$6M for the program<br><br>Climate Commitment Account, ongoing   |   |   |
| <b>Department of Commerce – Clean and Safe Drinking Water</b><br><br>This program was originally funded in the 2024 supplemental budget at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1M (Model Toxics Control Account, ongoing) for Emergency Drinking Water Grants</li> </ul> | Agency Detail for Commerce, Local Government, #9: Reduction of \$2M by <b>eliminating</b> grants for emergency drinking water programs in overburdened communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Model Toxics Control Operating Account, ongoing</li> </ul> Agency Detail for Commerce, Local Government, #11: <b>Reduction</b> of \$6M for the Emergency Rapid Response program. |   |   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1.5M (General Fund-State, ongoing) additional to the Emergency Rapid Response Program</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Fund State, ongoing</li> </ul>   |   |   |