



Western State Hospital Community Policing Program
*The City of Lakewood requests that funding for the highly successful
 Community Policing Program at Western State Hospital
 be made permanent and set at a level that
 fully covers the cost of these services.*



Since 2007, the City has operated a highly effective community policing program that provides dedicated police personnel whose specific duties are to provide response, reporting, and investigative services above and beyond the basic patrol response; creating a safer environment for Western State Hospital and the surrounding neighborhoods. Since 2007, the state operating budget has included \$462,000 to fund the program; however, despite increasing costs, inflation, and a growing WSH population, this funding amount has never been adjusted. The Community Policing Program currently costs the City \$621,297. The City is subsidizing \$159k of this program - this number is increasing each year.

The City requests that the state make this funding permanent and cover the full cost of the program. The Community Policing Program significantly and positively affects the real and perceived protection of Western State Hospital and the surrounding communities. Since 2007, the Community Policing Program has resulted in a 40% reduction in calls for police services from Western State Hospital and a positive relationship between hospital staff, police, and the community. The continuing success of the program relies on permanent state funding that fully funds the program.

The Western State Hospital Community Policing Program provides:	Cost of Program (FY 2017-19)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .75 FTE Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) • 1 FTE Investigator • .5 FTE Community Service Officer (CSO) 	<p align="center">Current cost of the program: \$621,297</p> <p align="center"><i>*Previous Funding Amount: \$462,000*</i></p>

In pursuing permanent funding for the Community Policing Program, the city would like to advance comprehensive legislation that also includes the following:

- *Clarify Funding Calculation and Source for Basic Police Services at Western State Hospital*
 The City of Lakewood receives \$90k/biennium to provide basic police services to Western State Hospital. West Pierce Fire also receives funding for basic fire and EMS services. The origin of this funding is unclear and inconsistent. The City supports simplification of how these funds are calculated and distributed to the City and West Pierce Fire.
- *Funding for Basic Police Services at Eastern State Hospital*
 Eastern State Hospital is located in the City of Medical Lake. Comprehensive legislation should fund Medical Lake’s provision of basic police services at Eastern State Hospital.

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