



City of Monroe
2024 Legislative Priorities

Operations

- **Therapeutic Court - \$1,000,000** to hire a case management worker for the Community Court, purchase file management software to transition the court to a paperless system, and purchase equipment for the new Court facility being constructed.
- **Mobile Mental Health – \$240,000** to fully fund the Sky Valley Mobile Mental Health Program for 2024/2025. Full funding would add a second mental health professional expanding the program to 7-day/week coverage.

\$480,000 of incentive funding was provided through Congresswoman DelBene’s office for 2023/2024. This regional co-responder program currently employs one full-time mental health professional contracted through the Volunteers of America (VOA) serving residents in East Snohomish County and the cities of Monroe and Sultan.

Transportation

- **State Route 522** – The City of Monroe, requests that the project maintain its current level of funding in the 2023-2025 State Transportation Budget (\$33.5 million) and remain on its current timeline with the Washington State Department of Transportation – right-of-way acquisition and design by 2025, and construction fully funded by 2027.

Federal Priorities

- **Therapeutic Court - \$1,000,000** to hire a case management worker for the Community Court, purchase file management software to transition the court to a paperless system, and purchase equipment for the new Court facility being constructed.
- **Rail Crossings - \$2,750,000** to fund an assessment for the five rail crossings that bifurcate the city and above grade separation designs for identified crossings.
- **Police Facility - \$3,000,000** to support police operations and facility improvements for 2025.



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Other State Legislative Priorities

- **U.S. Route 2** – The City of Monroe will support the City of Sultan’s requests for capacity improvements and to maintain the project’s current timeline with the Washington State Department of Transportation and level of funding in the 2023-2025 Transportation Budget.
- **Support the Association of Washington Cities 2024 Legislative Agenda**
 - Help recruit and retain police officers for public safety.
 - Revise the arbitrary property tax cap.
 - Continue investing in infrastructure.
 - Provide behavioral health resources.
- **Support Washington Economic Development Association’s 2024 Legislative Agenda**
 - Support the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County and other state ADOs with ongoing, permanent funding.
 - Support efforts to address workforce needs in healthcare including mental and behavioral health.
 - Increase economic vitality for all of Washington including areas outside the I-5 corridor – support proposed legislation that would give cities access to State revenues collected from the Cap-and-Trade tax on carbon emissions.
- **Affordable Housing** – Support legislation that improves housing affordability, increases housing supply, and expands opportunities for housing at all income levels.
- **Define and Fund Co-responder Programs** – Support the Co-Responder Outreach Alliances’ proposed legislation to define co-response and provide funding for standard, state-wide certification, and co-response training.
- **Tort Reform** – Oppose efforts to expand tort liability and/or remedies available under tort law. Establish a reinsurance fund that risk pools and individual entities could utilize. Tort reform could include caps on the amount of damages that can be collected against public entities (which is law in 33 States); reinstating immunities that have been eroded by the courts, and amending the law on joint and several liability which incentivizes claims against public entities.