

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AS OF 5.20.2024

Council Office

- Expand staff capacity – consider options such as:
 - 1 FTE Deputy Clerk
 - 1 FTE for Council/councilmember communications, PIO, intergovernmental affairs, community engagement, and special projects
 - 1 FTE for County Advisory Group centralized administrative support and facilitation
 - +1-2 FTE Portfolio based policy analysts including budget and finance
 - 1 FTE shared councilmember administrative support
 - OR
 - 7 FTE Per councilmember Legislative Aide
- Increase Councilmember travel budget (especially for WSAC/NACo)
- Council grant program - For small projects and councilmember priorities – Example: King County
- 2025 IPRTF and JPOP Facilitation (to be funded from the Jail Fund)

Other requests/priorities

- Twin Sisters Market - \$110,000 (attached funding request)
- Expand Whatcom Conservation District FireWise (may already be in Exec priorities)
- Increase juror daily compensation (confirmed by Admin this is set by Council)
- Additional support for the Whatcom County Food Bank Network (see the attached proposal)
- Additional county-run year-round shelter (related to draft proposal being worked on by three councilmembers)
- Recruitment bonuses to help fill the open corrections slots in the Sheriff's office (a request from the Sheriff's office should be expected at some point during budget process)
- Increase IT budget for project management software across several departments
- Additional staff in HR to help onboard new staff & upgrade harassment/bullying/retaliation policies & procedures
- Additional staff in finance to help process contracts quicker