

Proposed Councilmember Budget Amendments

11.5.25

Sponsor	Topic	Detail	Fiscal Impact
Scanlon	Strategic plan	General Fund: Add funds to create a strategic plan and metrics for the county, per Charter 1.51: <i>The executive and legislative branches shall engage in long-term strategic planning to establish organizational structure, priorities, and performance measurements.</i>	+ up to \$200,000
Stremmer	Food banks	General Fund: Cut \$244,000 from the Parks & Recreation Dept. budget, currently allocated for extra help for parks facilities and Lake Whatcom forest lands, and add \$244,000 for the Whatcom County Food Bank Network.	Zero
Donovan	Food banks	Move \$500,000 from the Community Priorities Fund (capital reserves) to the Whatcom County Food Bank Network.	Zero
Elenbaas	Facilitators	Cut funding for third-party facilitators for boards/commissions and move to other budget areas in order to not have to raise taxes.	Zero
Scanlon	Community Health Assessment	Add note: The most recent Whatcom County Community Health Assessment was completed in 2018. The current Whatcom County Community Health Improvement Plan expires in 2026. On October 29, 2024 the Whatcom County Public Health Advisory Board and Whatcom County Board of Health approved motions recommending to the Executive that the budget for the 2025-26 biennium “include funding and staffing levels necessary to complete the Community Health Assessment.”	Non-fiscal