

Washington State Department of Commerce Budget Fact Sheet

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What the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development does:

The department administers a wide variety of programs and services with federal, state, local and private funding. Its programs support state and local efforts to:

- Attract, retain and expand business activities.
- Provide services for managing growth and state energy resources.
- Increase international trade and tourism.
- Develop affordable housing, community facilities and infrastructure.
- Provide support services for vulnerable populations to assist them in times of crisis and help them achieve self-sufficiency.

2007-09 Operating Budget	\$ 503.1 million
2009-11 Maintenance Level	\$ 495.8 million
2009-11 Operating Budget	\$ 592.1 million

Reductions and actions we are taking:

- \$28.3 million total General Fund-State (GFS) program reductions, including:
 - Reducing technical assistance and services to local governments for growth management planning by approximately 40 percent, with caseloads for required annual reviews rising from 27 to 43 per accredited planner; shifting requests for assistance from larger cities and counties to a “respond as available” basis to serve the newly mandated priority to assist smaller jurisdictions first; and updating and publishing written guidance materials online only.
 - Reducing services supporting and promoting Washington state tourism by about one-third.
 - Reducing statewide business recruitment services by about 20 percent and cutting pass-through funding to local economic development organizations.
 - Reducing international trade services by about 25 percent, which could necessitate the elimination of one or more overseas trade representative offices.

- Reducing by more than half asset building programs that promote financial literacy and matching programs that help low-income individuals and families save for a home down payment, tuition or start a business.
- Reducing dispute resolution centers funding by nearly 40%, from \$1.6 million to \$1 million. Centers provide lower-cost alternatives for individuals and families in crisis who can't afford to go to court for custody, marriage dissolution or other legal issues.
- Other programs eliminated:
 - Washington State Film Office
 - CASASTART substance abuse and violence reduction program
 - Gang witness program
 - Offender re-entry housing pilot
 - Urban forestry program
 - Public broadcast grants
 - Developmental Disabilities Council DSHS Legal Services
 - State Human Trafficking Task Force
 - Washington State Association of Counties training pass-through
 - UW College of Forest Resources Center for International Trade in Forest Products
- About \$8.5 million in administrative reductions across the agency will be realized by continuing austerity measures put in place by the Governor, including reductions in staff, travel, personal service contracts, and purchase of goods and services and equipment.
 - To the extent possible, are shifting employee cuts to new programs funded by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Most of these are two-year temporary positions.
- \$18 million in GFS reductions are replaced by funding from other sources, including increase in the document recording fee surcharge and federal funds.
- \$582 million in capital budget cuts are made, excluding re-appropriations, which reduces the budget from \$882 million to \$360 million. Funding available to communities through the following program areas is significantly reduced:
 - State Housing Trust Fund - it is possible there will be no competitive funding round for Fiscal Year 2011
 - Local/Community Facilities Projects – reduced 85 percent, from \$135 million to \$21 million
 - Public Works Board

- Community Economic Revitalization Board – funds available for direct investment in community economic development infrastructure reduced from \$20 million to \$6.2 million

Programs and services we will continue to deliver:

- The majority of the department's more than 150 programs remain in service. [Click here](#) for information on programs.

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