

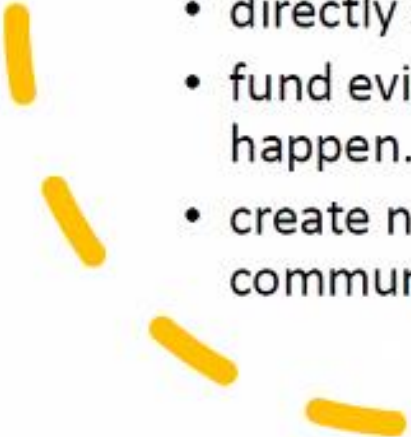
What is a PSST?

According to RCW 82.14.450:

- A county legislative authority may submit an authorizing proposition to the county voters at a primary or general election and, if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, impose a sales and use tax.
- The rate of tax may not exceed three-tenths of one percent.
- Money received by a county must be shared between the county and the cities as follows: 60 percent must be retained by the county and 40 percent must be distributed on a per capita basis to cities in the county.
- *One-third of all money received under this section must be used solely for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or both.*
- The remaining two-thirds may be used for any lawful governmental purpose but must be spent in accordance with the purpose(s) specified in the ballot measure (MRSC, 2023).



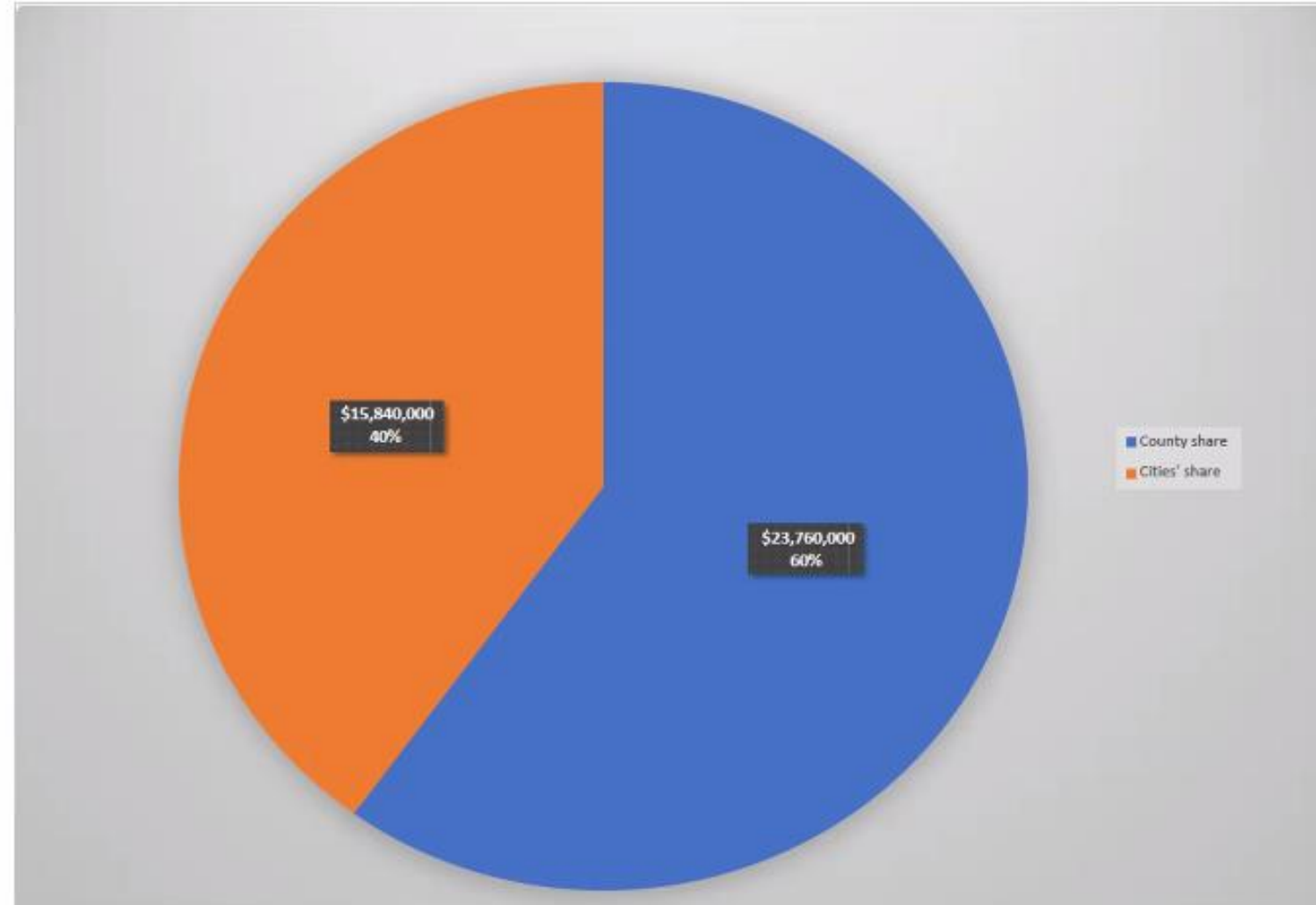
Why seek a PSST now?

- Snohomish County has a large population that is growing quickly.
 - Violent crime and the impacts of the drug epidemic affect our residents' quality of life, our businesses, and our communities.
 - Addressing violent crime and the drug epidemic requires additional resources for the County and our cities.
 - A PSST can:
 - directly support proven tactics that can reduce crime and target offenders immediately.
 - fund evidence-based measures to address violence and substance abuse before they happen.
 - create new or expand existing programs that reduce the visible impacts in the community.
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Executive Board's Recommendations

Estimated Revenue from a 0.2% Sales Tax – Split Between County and Cities

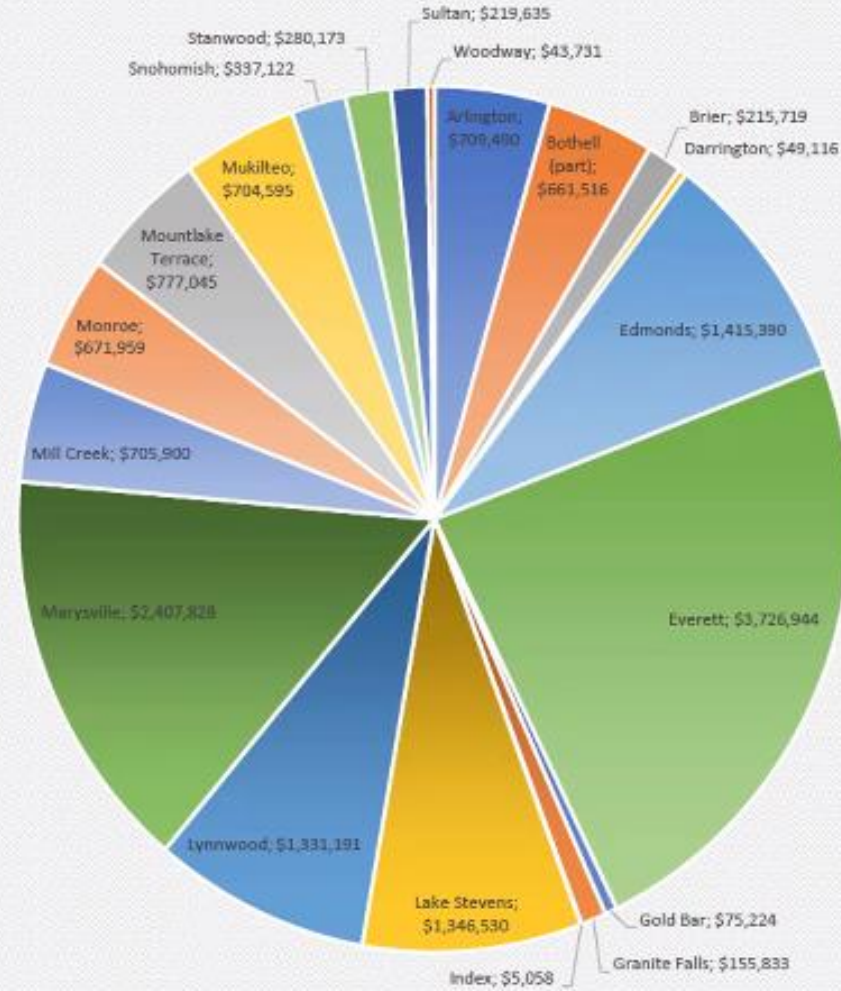
- Forecast includes initial exemption for motor vehicles (RCW 82.14.450(4))
- Estimated cost:
 - \$46.58 per year
 - \$3.88 per month
 - \$.18 per day



Annual Revenue by City – Based on Estimate

NOTE

- RCW 82.14.250 places the same requirements on cities.
 - At least 1/3 for criminal justice purposes.
- The Executive's proposal addresses only the County's portion.
 - We hope to collaborate but acknowledge that cities will address their individual needs.



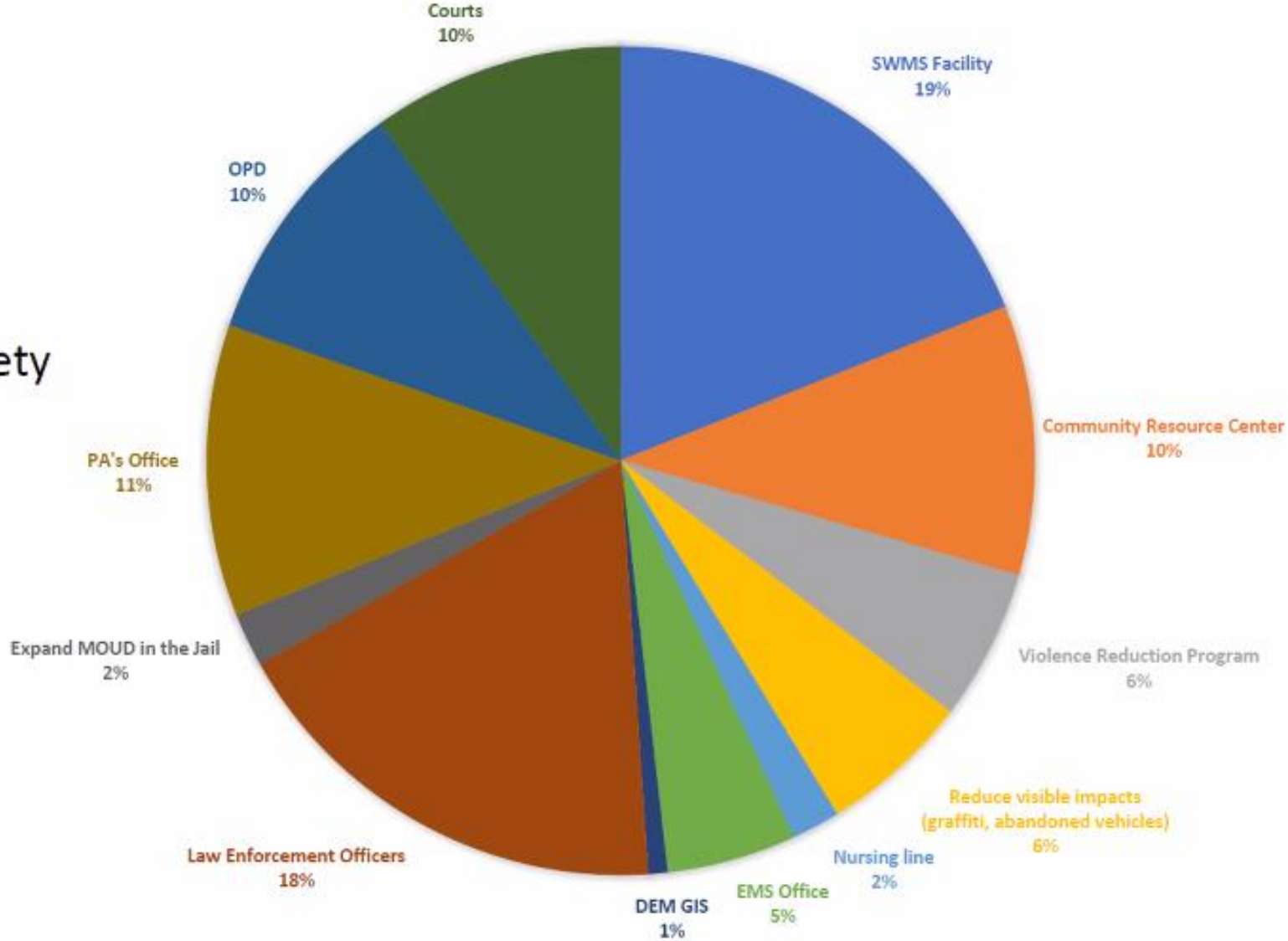
Proposed Actions to Address Violence and the Impacts of the Drug Epidemic

- Hire additional law enforcement officers, including park rangers.
- Provide needed resources to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Office of Public Defense, and the Courts
- Acquire and operate a secure withdrawal management facility.
- Acquire and operate a second resource center.
- Expand access to substance use treatment in the jail.
- Create or expand programs to reduce the visible impacts of crime – Graffiti, derelict vehicles, etc.
- Support programs that diminish the impacts of the drug epidemic on Fire/EMS
- Develop or expand programs focused on preventing youth violence.

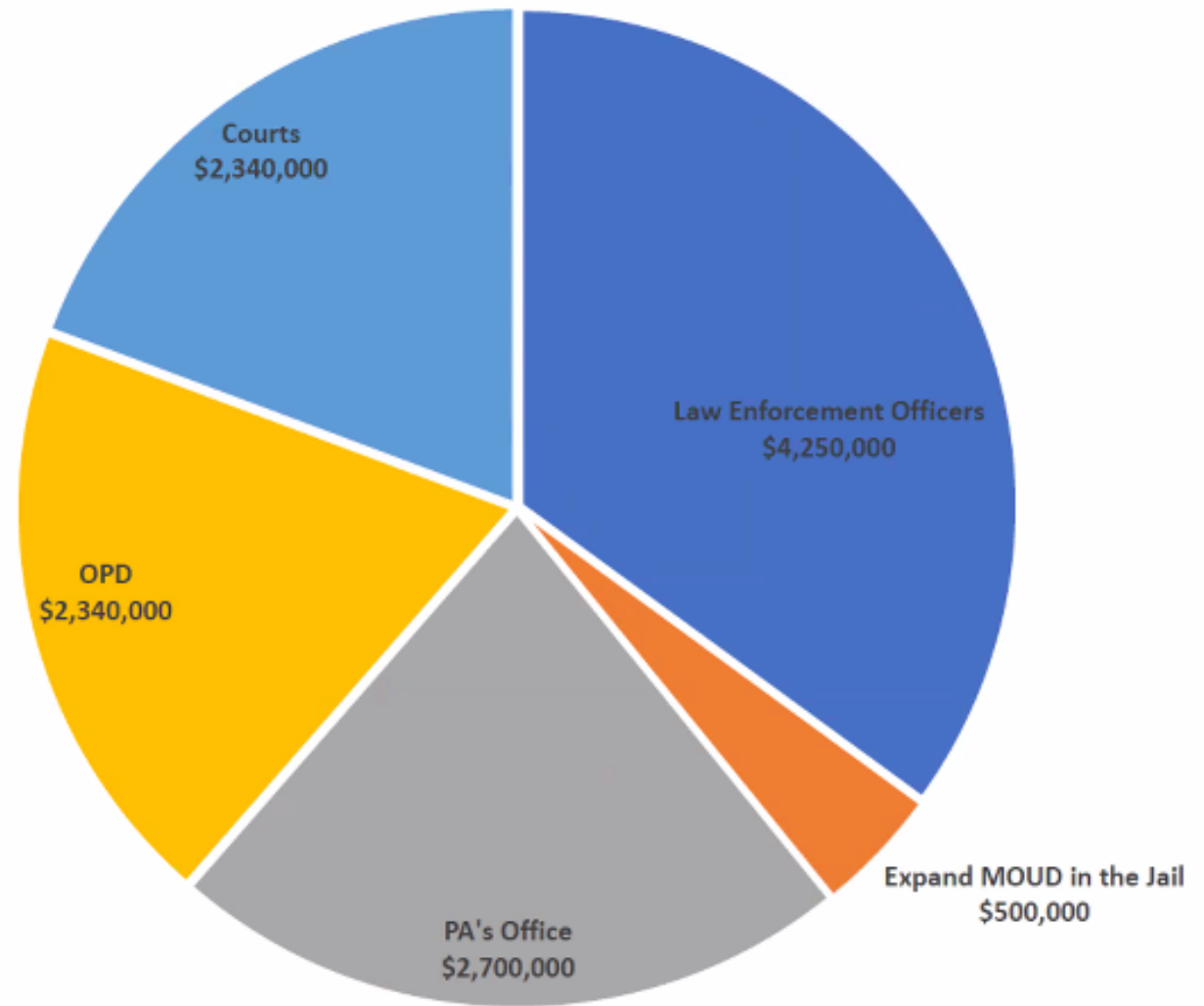
PROPOSED OVERALL BREAKDOWN OF COUNTY USE

51% for Criminal Justice Purposes

49% for Other Public Safety and Health Measures

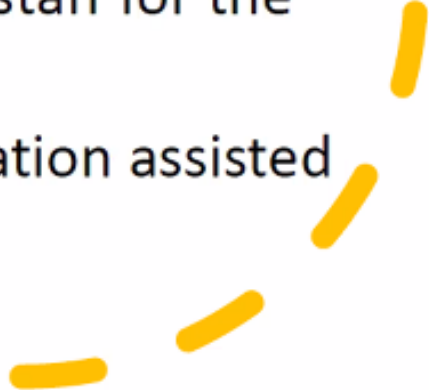


51% for
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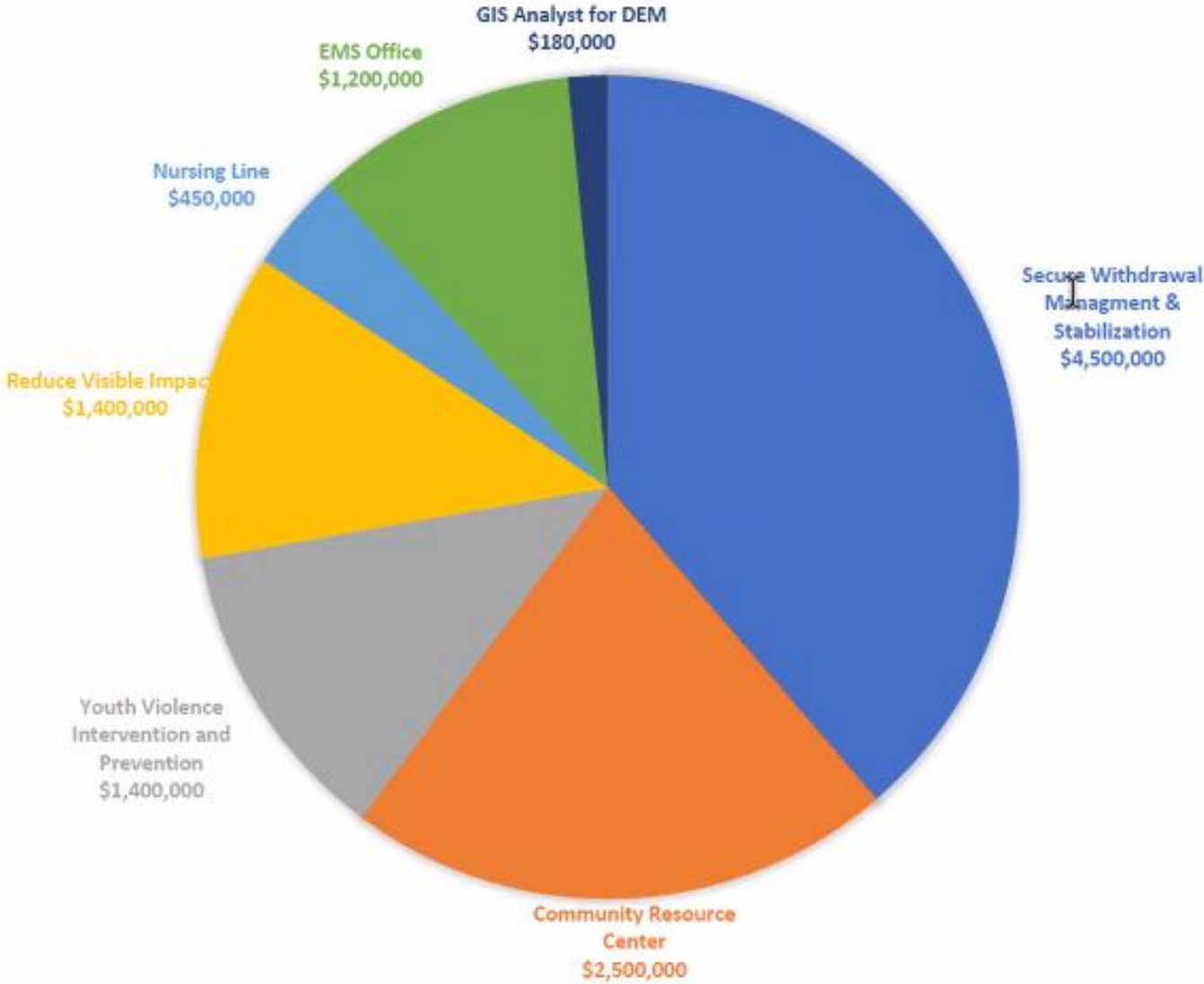


Details of Proposed Criminal Justice Uses

51% = \$12,130,000 per year

- **18%** (\$4,250,000) to hire additional law enforcement officers – deputies and park rangers.
 - **11%** (\$2,700,000) to hire additional staff in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
 - **10%** (\$2,340,000) to hire additional staff for the Office of Public Defense.
 - **10%** (\$2,340,000) to hire additional staff for the Courts.
 - **2%** (\$500,000) to expand the medication assisted treatment program in the jail.
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49% for Other
Public Safety
and Health
Uses
(\$11,630,000)



Details of Other Proposed Uses (1 of 3)

49% = \$11,630,000 per year

19% (\$4,500,000) for a secure withdrawal management and stabilization (SWMS) facility.

- Also referred to as secure detox. Provides a safe and secure place for those who need involuntary treatment but do not receive it due to lack of available beds.
- Amount equals amortized capital costs plus annual cost of operation and maintenance.
- Anticipated Lead - Human Services

10% (\$2,500,000) for a second community resource center.

- County already operates Carnegie via contracted services, which successfully provides resources for thousands. This would double our capacity.
- Amount equals amortized capital costs plus annual cost of operation and maintenance.
- Anticipated Lead - Human Services

Details of Other Proposed Uses (2 of 3)

49% = \$11,630,000 per year

6% (\$1,400,000) to address the increase in youth violence.

- Develop a coordinated, evidence-based prevention program among Health, Human Services, and law enforcement agencies.
- Support existing, successful community-based programs that focus on intervention.

6% (\$1,400,000) to reduce the visible impacts of crime in our community.

- Develop a program to address graffiti based on the existing programs in Everett and Marysville, which remove graffiti in public spaces and serve as a source of intel for law enforcement.
- Provide additional support to Solid Waste and SCSO to address the growing number of abandoned vehicles in unincorporated County.

Details of Other Proposed Uses (3 of 3)

49% = \$11,630,000 per year

7% (\$1,650,000) offset the increased stress on our EMS system.

- Provide consistent funding to support a nursing line currently being piloted, which reduces the number of ambulance transports and emergency department visits needed for low-acuity patients.
- Provide funding for additional staff for the Snohomish County EMS office. SCEMS provides oversight, training, and quality assurance for all EMS providers to ensure compliance with state laws.

1% (\$180,000) to ensure we maintain the highest level of data accuracy for emergency dispatching.

- DEM's E911 program consistently provides SNO911 with data that ranks among the highest level of accuracy in the state.
 - As the County experiences more development, an additional GIS Analyst ensures the E911 office keeps pace with projected growth.
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In Summary

A Balanced Approach to Reducing Violent Crime and the Impacts of the Drug Epidemic

