



Getting Results for Families in Grays Harbor

When Governor Gregoire took office in 2004, she inherited a \$2.2 billion deficit, the state had made massive cuts to education and healthcare, unemployment had risen and critical areas like transportation had suffered years of neglect.

The governor took on these and many other challenges and set out to make a difference in the lives of Washington's citizens and working families.

But there is still much work to be done, and with Governor Gregoire's leadership, our state can continue to make progress and look forward to four more great years.

Strengthening the Economy

Gov. Gregoire was raised by a single, working mother, and understands what it's like to live through tough times. She is building a stronger economy for our state.

- She inherited a \$2.2 billion deficit four years ago. Since then, she cut red tape and turned the state's deficit into a surplus. The independent Pew Institute ranks Washington as one of the best-managed states in the nation.
- Gov. Gregoire led the effort to create nearly 225,000 new jobs. Forbes Magazine ranks our state in the top-three to do business. Fortune Magazine ranks our state as the fifth-best for small business.
- Under Gov. Gregoire's leadership, our highways are recovering from a decade of neglect. From 2003 to 2004, only 12 transportation projects were completed. Thanks to Gov. Gregoire's focus on transportation, today we have 165 completed projects. In the next six months, 109 more projects will be started or completed.
- Gov. Gregoire is working hard to create and keep jobs in Grays Harbor County. She has been actively involved in re-opening the Cosmopolis Mill to bring those jobs back, and she's stepped in to cut red tape and keep the project moving.

Protecting Children and Families

As a mother and tough-on-crime former attorney general, Gov. Chris Gregoire understands what it takes to protect and help our children and families.

- Under her leadership, Washington's crime rate is at a 14-year low. Nobody is tougher on sex offenders: she increased jail sentences for sex offenders, required electronic monitoring of the worst, and expanded the state DNA registry for criminals convicted of sex crimes.
- Gov. Gregoire increased funding for schools to reduce class sizes, increase teacher pay, and focus on math and science standards so our children will be prepared for the global economy. In 2008, more than 91 percent of students passed the WASL.

- In Grays Harbor, Gov. Gregoire is investing in the creation of a new childcare center and a new Science and Math building at Grays Harbor College.
- As a mother, Gov. Chris Gregoire believes healthcare should be available to all of our children. She has expanded healthcare to 84,000 more children with the goal to cover all kids by 2010.

Creating a Cleaner Future

Gov. Gregoire is creating a cleaner, greener Washington.

- Gov. Gregoire is leading the nation's fight against global warming. Laws passed under her administration will create real reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Washington is one of the nation's largest producers of renewable energy. Gov. Gregoire put the state on track to create 25,000 green collar jobs by 2020 in areas like renewable energy to continue Washington's leadership and create jobs.
- She is working with businesses, communities, Tribes and elected officials to clean up Puget Sound, restore fish habitat and leave a legacy for future generations.
- In Grays Harbor County, Gov. Gregoire is helping to cut red tape for a renewable energy project at the Cosmopolis Mill. She's also provided grants to clean up the Port of Grays Harbor.

Gov. Gregoire's Grays Harbor County Investments

Gov. Gregoire is getting results so all of our children can learn. She directed more than \$167 million to support education in Grays Harbor, nearly a \$1 million increase. Other investments include:

- Building Grays Harbor College's new child care facility.
- Designing Grays Harbor College's new Science and Math building.

To make up for decades of neglect on our highways and bridges, Gov. Gregoire directed \$47 million for transportation projects in Grays Harbor. These investments will support:

- Resurfacing US 101 south of the West Fork Hoquiam River Bridge to north of Boulder Creek Bridge.
- Replacing mechanical and electrical components on the US 101/Simpson bridge.
- Replacing the timber trestle bridges on the SR 107 Slough with concrete slab bridges.
- Replacing the US 101 Fort Hoquiam River Bridge.
- Repaving US 12 between the Wynoochee River and the vicinity of Brady.
- Improving safety on US 12 in the vicinity of Clemons Rd by installing guardrails, adding an westbound acceleration lane and improving sight distance.

In tough economic times, Gov. Gregoire is helping strengthen the entire state's economy. In Grays Harbor, she:

- Provided grants to support sustainable business development through the state's declaration of Grays Harbor as an "Innovation Partnership Zone." These grants helped increase the number of "green" manufacturers in the area to 10 companies, create good jobs and triple the vessel traffic in the port.
- Provided financial assistance to hire an engineering firm to study the feasibility of increasing port capacity.
- Invested in the Grays Harbor Public Development Authority's job development fund.
- Purchased substations for PUD and Grays Harbor Paper to maintain a critical local employer.
- Provided funding for a feasibility study of the Cosmopolis Mill site.

Gov. Gregoire is getting results for a cleaner future. In Grays Harbor, she:

- Provided grants to clean up the Port of Grays Harbor.
- Sought federal aid to help fishing communities cope with the fisheries crisis (federal budget includes \$170 million for communities in three states).