



Getting Results for Families in Cowlitz County

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 Gov. 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 big surplus. The Pew Center on the States ranked 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.
- She provided funding to open a Small Business Development Center in Kelso to provide training and one-on-one counseling to business owners.
- She supported the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) in the region, which provided:
 - \$1 million dollar loan to the Port of Longview for engineering services for a new dock to support a new facility for Export Grain Terminal Development, LLC, which hired 50 more employees
 - \$600,000 loan and \$400,000 grant to the Port of Woodland to help build industrial facilities for Schurman Way Industrial Park, which kept 28 jobs and created 16 more
 - \$1 million to PUD No. 1 in Cowlitz County to help power a new Cameron Family Glass Packaging facility

- As part of a \$16.6 million investment to support salmon recovery, Gov. Gregoire provided nearly \$375,000 in grants for habitat improvements in the county. Gov. Gregoire is also moving forward with a plan for hatchery reform and conversion of non-tribal fisheries into fully selective fisheries, including mass marking all Coho and Chinook salmon.

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 those convicted of sex crimes.
- Gov. Gregoire provided more than \$1 million to support both the Cowlitz Drug Center and Link Youth Recreational Facility
- 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.
- Gov. Gregoire provided \$2.5 million to help build a new Health and Science building at Lower Columbia Community College
- As a mother, Gov. Chris Gregoire believes all of our children deserve healthcare. She has expanded healthcare to 84,000 more children with the goal to cover all kids by 2010.

Creating a Cleaner Future

Gov. Gregoire believes our environment is our greatest asset and legacy to our children and grandchildren. She 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.
- She is working with businesses, communities, Tribes and elected officials to clean up Puget Sound, restore fish habitats and leave a legacy for future generations.
- In Cowlitz County, she's working to create cleaner water supplies by dredging rivers to reduce and remove sediment

Gov. Gregoire's Cowlitz County Investments

Governor Gregoire inherited a neglected transportation system four years ago. She is taking on this challenge by directing investments towards:

- Preventing corrosion on the SR 433/Lewis and Clark Bridge
- Reconstructing interchanges and off/on ramps to improve traffic flow on the I-5/SR 432 Talley Way Interchanges
- Improving safety on I-5/Castle Rock vicinity to SR 505 vicinity with new asphalt and upgrading signs, lights, guardrails, barriers and bridge rails
- Overlaying pavement with fresh asphalt on SR 4/Coal Creek Road to I-5
- Building a bridge across the Cowlitz River to link SR 411 at Lexington with I-5 at the Ostrander interchange

To help and protect Washington families' communities, Governor Gregoire directed investments towards:

- Cowlitz Drug Center
- Link Youth Recreational Facility
- Building for the Arts Grants-Columbia Theatre Association

Gov. Gregoire is getting results for a cleaner future. In Cowlitz County, Gov. Gregoire directed investments toward:

- Dredging the river near the Longview Water Treatment Plan to reduce the impact of sediment near the intake
- Dredging the Cowlitz River to remove sediment

Gov. Gregoire is strengthening our state's economy with investments like:

- Dredging the Cowlitz River
- Investing in the City of Longview's Job Development Fund