



Snohomish County Council

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County to Receive Stimulus Funds for Green Fleet Projects

Through its participation in the Puget Sound Clean Cities Coalition, Snohomish County is preparing to receive \$1.1 million in grant funds from the Department of Energy as part of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The funds will be used by the County's Fleet Management division for projects that focus on alternative energy sources. "These projects will assist Snohomish County in reducing dependence on fossil fuels and will help create sustainable infrastructure," said Council Chair Mike Cooper.

A large portion of the funding will go toward the installation of solar arrays and a solar carport at County facilities to support plug-in hybrid vehicles. Funds will also be used to install biodiesel tanks and pumps at three County locations, and to assist in purchasing hybrid vehicles for replacement of gasoline-only powered vehicles when necessary.

The grant funding is the County's share of a \$15 million award that the Clean Cities Coalition received through a competitive process. "Regional cooperation is essential to competing for funds on a national scale, and this grant award proves that the Puget Sound area can lead the way," said Councilmember Dave Somers.

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