

# Technology Services Board

## Quarterly Full Board Meeting

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December 10, 2024

9 - 11:00 am

## Industry Members

**Kelly Dyer** - LexisNexis

**James Feore** – Aardvark Intelligence

**Tanya Kumar** – Oracle

## Legislative Members

**Sen. Matt Boehnke** – Senate R

**Sen. Joe Nguyen** – Senate D

**Rep. Travis Couture** – House R

**Rep. Chipalo Street** – Senate D

## Executive Branch (Agency Directors)

**Bill Kehoe** – State CIO & Chair

**David Danner** – Utilities & Transportation  
Commission

**Cami Feek** – Employment Security Dept.

**Tracy Guerin** – Dept. of Retirement  
Systems

## Other Government

**Viggo Forde** – Snohomish County

TOPIC	LEAD	PURPOSE	TIME
Welcome   Agenda review	Bill Kehoe	Introductory remarks	9:00
Review & Approve 9/12/24 Meeting Minutes	Bill Kehoe	Members will <b>VOTE</b>	9:05
Program Briefing: One Washington	Eli Hayes	Program status & Board feedback	9:10
Project Briefing: 988 Lifeline	Sam Pulley	Project status & Board feedback	9:55
Policies & Standards Approvals	Bill Kehoe	Members will <b>VOTE</b>	10:25
Innovation & Modernization Fund Recommendations from the IT Investment Board	Nick Stowe	Members will <b>VOTE</b>	10:35
TSB Portfolio & Policy Subcommittee Status	Bill Kehoe	Members will <b>VOTE</b>	10:50
Public comment			10:55
Adjournment			11:00

# Review Sept. 12, 2024 minutes

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# One Washington briefing

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Office of Financial Management

# One Washington: Phase 1A

## Project Overview & Concerns

The Core Financials subproject of the One Washington program planned to replace AFRS with Workday, a cloud-based ERP to modernize state core financials systems.

### Current Concerns:

- Unknown Agency Readiness Status
- Schedule Reassessment Planning
- Big Bang vs Phased Implementation Approach

## Current Project Health Assessment

✘ Scope

✘ Schedule

✘ Budget

✘ Overall

# Agency Mandatory Systems – Confirmed

Mandatory systems for go-live are defined as systems that are essential for a successful transition from the Agency Financial Reporting System (AFRS) to Workday.

Systems with a designation of 'Mandatory to Go-Live' not being remediated and end-to-end (E2E) tested would cause catastrophic failure to the financial reporting functionality and requirements of the enterprise.

Number of Agencies with Mandatory Systems	Number of Mandatory Systems
13	38

Mandatory systems have been confirmed and letters sent to agencies to ratify mandatory vs. non-mandatory systems.

**Systems with a designation of 'mandatory to go-live' are required to have successfully completed all needed testing within the timeframes identified by the program to achieve the go-live Phase 1A go-live date.**

Agencies & Mandatory System Counts			
COM	1	ESD	3
DCYF	7	HCA	2
DNR	3	LNI	4
DOL	2	OFM	1
DOR	1	OST	1
DOT	1	SAC	1
DSHS	11	<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

# Reassessment – Activities and Initial Outcomes

As a result of the October 9, 2024, OneWA Executive Steering Committee meeting, it was decided to conduct an assessment to identify the best path to ensure a successful Phase 1A go-live.

## 4 Week Assessment Conducted

- Reviewed & prioritized **key functional items** - outstanding decisions, configuration, and testing
- Assessed known and anticipated **integration impacts**
- Finalized baseline of **mandatory vs. non-mandatory systems** and test ready dates from agencies
- Assessed **go-live / cutover options in relation to FY** end and other business activities
- Evaluated any **potential impacts and work** stemming from different go-live points and from FY legislation
- **Gathered agency needs and feedback** to successfully complete necessary work
- Evaluated **'how we work' as a program** to determine how we can be more efficient and more effective

## Initial Outcomes and Findings

- Adjust **go-live date from July 2025 to a range between July 2026 - Jan 2027** pending confirmation of ongoing assessment activities
- Based on the **data collected** during assessment and a set of **corresponding assumptions** - such as 'not revisiting design'
- **Considers staffing model and resource capacity** specifically for certain teams that have historically been stretched across many activities
- Includes **additional activities based on feedback from agencies** - such as a sandbox, additional training points, and a future end-to-end testing cycle
- **Develop and execute processes** to provide status and schedule visibility to executive governance



# Key Challenges & Solutions

Key challenges have persisted across the program. Steps are being taken to address these.

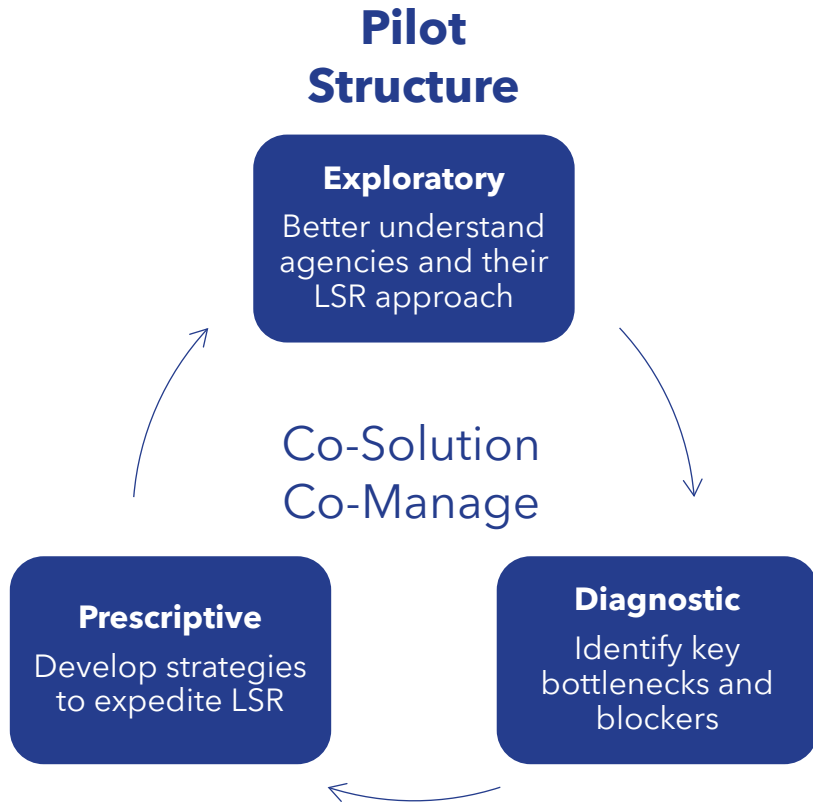
<p><b>Integrations</b></p>	<p><b>Challenge:</b> Continued change request (CRs) require updates which have downstream impacts on agency work</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Early performance testing has identified some challenges with volume</p>	<p><b>Solution:</b> Stringent CR decision making in place and conservative assumptions included with the re-assessment</p> <p><b>Solution:</b> Evaluating multiple options to solve for early identified challenges</p>
<p><b>Agency Readiness</b></p>	<p><b>Challenge:</b> Agencies getting the necessary information to remediate their systems in a timely manner</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Having ample understanding of future state to operationalize the Workday solution in agency business processes</p>	<p><b>Solution:</b> Applying a version of the Agency pilot model and providing greater access to information and the Workday solution</p> <p><b>Solution:</b> Conducting Workday design overview sessions in early 2025 along with having early access to training materials</p>
<p><b>Agency Testing</b></p>	<p><b>Challenge:</b> Testing objective moving from 'does the system work' to also include building broad awareness and understanding</p> <p><b>Challenge:</b> Agencies being able to fully test end to end processes that may cross agencies vs. targeted, specific scenarios</p>	<p><b>Solution:</b> Enable other activities such as design overview and sandbox to build awareness</p> <p><b>Solution:</b> Extended End-to-End testing phase added to the program schedule to support this broader testing</p>

# Reassessment – Activities and Outcomes

One activity completed during the assessment timeframe was a Legacy System Remediation (LSR) agency pilot with Department of Retirement Services (DRS) to model a different engagement approach to support agency technical and business readiness.

## Outcomes and Findings

- Access to key program tools as well as a Workday tenant to enable the agency to test as needed and view error messages and configured business logic/rules
- A better roadmap to updated documentation to clearly identify what has changed since prior version
- More immediate access to Deloitte Workday experts
- More immediate access to state subject matter experts on the OneWA Workday configuration, State Accounting System (AFRS), and legacy chart of accounts
- Provided a single point of contact from the program to track and manage questions and action items
- Conducted regular meetings to review questions, actions, next steps, and maintain overall alignment
- Program is planning to apply the same model to other LSR agencies



Significant testing has occurred by the OneWA team as well as in partnership with agencies. However, based on the assessment more activities are being planned which will require additional testing.

## Summary of Testing Conducted to Date

- ✓ **LSR testing has been slower than anticipated and handoff between LSR to end-to-end (E2E)** has been disjointed with elongated time in between and different audiences
- ✓ A total of four E2E sprints conducted - **between April 24 - Nov 24 (8 months)**. Sprint 1 was internal to the program and did not include agencies
- ✓ A total of **1,002 unique agency testers** have participated in some way through sprints 2-4 and completed **4,955 test scenarios**
- ✓ **Defect rate of 5.8%** has been achieved - with a total of 290 defects identified and only 10 remaining open
- ✓ **Challenges have existed** with getting only those identified as testers into sessions
- ✓ **Preliminary performance testing** has identified challenges with the integration architecture - these are being evaluated and assessed

## Forward Looking Testing Activities

- **LSR testing:** A different model or approach is being evaluated to determine how the handoff between LSR and E2E can be completed with more continuity
- **Extended end-to-end testing:** This testing will occur after remediation is complete as well as integration changes and encompass Workday, primary systems and subsidiary systems - making certain the overall tech ecosystem operates as intended
- **Performance testing (Workday and non-Workday):** The testing will encompass the integration layer, Workday reports and the Workday solution to make certain that it functions with State of Washington production sized data volumes
- **User experience review (UER):** This will be a final review of the Workday solution by users before proceeding into final cutover and go-live activities

## Key Agency Themes

- Agencies need to see, test & understand integrations from start to finish
- Technical support and sandbox access
- Adequate staffing
- Staff readiness and knowledge

## The 6 Dimensions of Readiness



**Transformation is adapted to and embraced**

Agencies have enthusiastic support from leadership, engaged employees, and a culture that embraces new processes.



**Strategic goals and operational needs are aligned**

Workday effectively supports business processes across departments, enhancing efficiency and contributing to organizational growth.



**IT infrastructure is seamlessly integrated**

Agencies have smooth integration, data migration, and system performance.



**Data mapping quality is compatible and complete**

Agencies have data that is accurately and securely transferred, maintaining integrity and consistency.



**Human, financial, and other resources are available**

Agencies have adequate staffing, skills and budget allocations to support Workday's deployment and long-term sustainability.



**Systems, processes, and employees are aligned**

Agencies have process documentation, workflow redesign, and user training, ensuring minimal disruptions and maximizing productivity with Workday.

# 988 Crisis Call Center & Behavioral Health Integrated Referral System briefing

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Dept. of Health  
Health Care Authority



# 988 Crisis Call Center & Behavioral Health Integrated Referral System

## Project overview and concerns

988 is a free number connecting people to trained crisis counselors 24/7. It provides support for those thinking about suicide, concerned about substance use, experiencing emotional distress and more. Program jointly led by Dept. of Health and the Health Care Authority.

### Current Concerns:

- Program finalizing schedule; baseline expected end of year.
- Feasibility study exploring reusability options from National 988 (Vibrant Up) offering. National model does not meet HB 1477 requirements. Study will provide insight on cost risk.
- Strong team collaboration, but complex leadership structure for decision-making. Foundational documents will help mitigate concern.

## Current Project Health Assessment

 **Scope**

 **Schedule**

 **Budget**

 **Overall**



## What is 988?

988 Lifeline is a 24/7 free and confidential service providing suicide prevention and crisis support via call, text, or chat. Trained counselors offer immediate assistance and connect individuals to resources for suicide, substance use concerns, and emotional distress.

Legislation: Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1477, passed in 2021, mandates the Department of Health (DOH) and Health Care Authority (HCA) to enhance crisis response systems and develop BHICRS to coordinate care statewide.

### Key Technology Implementations:

- Advanced Crisis Call Center System: For crisis call center hubs handling behavioral health and suicide prevention.
- Behavioral Health Integrated Client Referral System: Ensuring seamless exchange of crisis plans, mental health directives, and least restrictive alternatives between crisis call center hubs and other behavioral health entities.

DOH and HCA are partnering to determine and deploy necessary technology platforms to support the 988 Crisis Call Center and BHICRS.



Identification of Behavioral Health providers with capacity to serve those in crisis



Coordination and scheduling of next day appointments



Implementation of electronic closed loop referrals



Creation, exchange, storage, and access to several types of interoperable resources (e.g., tribal crisis coordination protocols, safety and crisis plans, mental health advance directives, least restrictive alternatives)



Integration of federal, state and local systems used by the 988 Lifeline crisis call centers, regional crisis lines/dispatch centers, crisis response workers and;

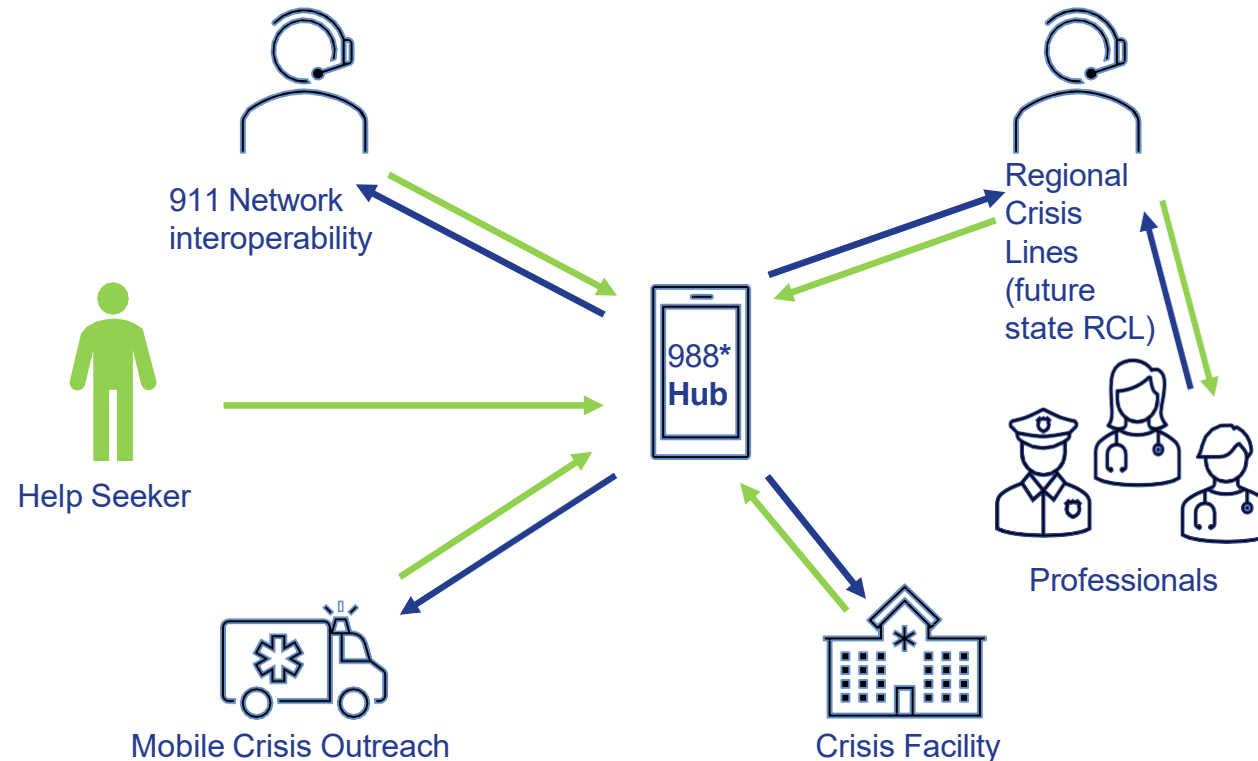


Integration of data including ingestion, storage, management, security, and transformations

# Washington's Future 988 Crisis Care Continuum

Notes:

- **Help Seekers** reach out to 988 for crisis support via, call, chat or text
- **Professionals** (doctors, law enforcement etc.) reach out to the future state Regional Crisis Lines, for in person response, technical consultation, and partner collaboration
- **988 Contact Hub** identifies and determines dispatch
- Future state **RCL** coordinates deployment



- Less use of:
- 911 dispatch
  - Jail
  - Emergency rooms and
  - Inpatient hospitalization

\* 988 (including the Native and Strong Lifeline)





## Key Activities

- Legislatively mandated Technical & Operations plan approved.
- Planning Advanced Planning Document (PAPD) Approval.
- Regional Crisis Line (RCL) 988 Policy Statement Report
- Crisis Hub Mapping
- Tribal engagement
- Communication/ Partner Planning activities
- Feasibility Study underway, decision on tech platforms
- RFP being developed and released

● = Legislatively mandated timeline

## What funding is being requested for 988?

DOH/HCA requested the following DP dollars to fund the planning and implementation for the technology aspects of 988. The project is also seeking Medicaid match for this funding where possible. The costs are estimated based on other large SaaS implementation projects and will be adjusted as needed based on outcomes of the Feasibility study and subsequent RFP.

### 988 Tech Platform DP Summary

DP Type	Funding Period	Staffing	Contracts	Other	Total Ask
<b>DOH 988 Tech DP</b>	FY 26 - FY 27	\$ 3,574,000.00	\$ 33,703,000.00	\$ 716,000.00	\$ 37,993,000.00
<b>HCA 988 Tech DP</b>	FY 26 - FY 27	\$ 9,012,000.00	\$ 23,965,000.00	\$ 8,160,000.00	\$ 41,137,000.00

## 988 Feasibility Study

Not Started 
  On-track 
  At Risk 
  Blocked 
  Complete

Feasibility Study Objectives
<p><b>Core Objective:</b> Collect unbiased data to validate vendor capability claims and make a business case for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procuring new tools</li> <li>• Continuing partnership with the current national 988 provider</li> <li>• Leveraging existing technologies</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Objectives Achieved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulfill WaTech and CMS needs and requirements for a Feasibility Study</li> <li>• Highlight differentiators across vendor solutions and services to inform a strategic scoring method to be used in the upcoming RFP process</li> </ul>

Highlights / Accomplishments (Sept - Nov)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed Feasibility Study requirements documentation, with validation from Program and Technical leaders</li> <li>• Conducted interviews with four WA 988/ RCL providers</li> <li>• Conducted interviews with HCA and DOH across core capability areas of the WA state crisis care continuum</li> <li>• Conducted interviews with Peer States (see slide 3) to identify best practices and vendor insights</li> <li>• Conducted interviews and analysis with owners of existing WA state solutions to be considered for "re-use": 911, statewide EHR, MuleSoft interface manager</li> <li>• Prepared for Vendor assessment interviews taking place on 12/4 (Vibrant) and 12/9 (Carelon)</li> <li>• Assess existing analysis to expand on Resource Directory &amp; Registry requirements for Feasibility Study Addendum 1.</li> <li>• Consolidate findings and analysis for project deliverables:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market Research Document</li> <li>• Alternative Assessment</li> <li>• Cost Analysis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Project Status		
Scope <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Project Plan		
Milestones/Deliverables	Target	Status
<b>Project Initiation &amp; Plan</b>	COMPLETE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Requirements Validation</b>	11/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Market Research Document</b>	12/18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Alternative Assessment</b>	12/18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cost Analysis</b>	1/3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Feasibility Study Final Report</b>	1/17	<input type="checkbox"/>

Planned Activities for Remainder of Project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Vendor interviews with Vibrant (12/4) and Carelon (12/9)</li> <li>• Complete remaining Peer State interviews with California (12/20) and Vibrant customer La Frontera (to be scheduled)</li> <li>• Continue content development for project deliverables:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market Research Document</li> <li>• Alternatives Assessment</li> <li>• Cost Analysis</li> <li>• Feasibility Study</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Continue Addendum 1 activities: finalizing Resource Directory &amp; Registry requirements, conducting Vendor interviews, consolidating insights.</li> </ul>

## Market Research Engagement Update

	PEER STATES	VENDORS
Participation Requested	<p>Vibrant Unified Platform Users:</p>  <p>IMPACT - SUICIDE PREVENTION CENTER</p>    	
Participation Confirmed	 <p>*Interview scheduled for 12/20</p>	 <p>*Interview scheduled for 12/4</p>  <p>*Interview scheduled for 12/9</p>
Interview Complete	 <p>*Completed on 11/14</p>  <p>*Completed on 11/7</p>  <p>*Completed on 11/22</p>	

Risk	Mitigating Actions
Vibrant timelines and availability of information to inform WA state decisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritized understanding of Vibrant strengths, weaknesses and product roadmap and their alignment with defined state goals. Feasibility Study assessment. <b>ISG is meeting with Vibrant on 12/4/24 with the goal of gaining insight and updates around the Vibrant Up extended platform.</b></li> </ul>
Meeting legislative bill(s) timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adhere to a workplan with realistic deadlines, assign adequate resources, break down work into manageable pieces and track progress, prioritize critical path tasks, clarify discrepancies as early in the project as possible, and manage scope creep. If any discrepancy occurs, take proactive measures to communicate to project team, leadership, exec sponsor/sponsors, steering committee, &amp; stakeholders.</li> </ul>
Enable standardization for the future state operations of the 988 program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 988 program does not have the authority to mandate that these partners use the 988 procured tools. There have been ongoing efforts to gain alignment across contracting partners to transition to the same tools and standards. Meetings with call centers have occurred to gain understanding of current state. Future process mapping sessions will be conducted.</li> </ul>
Overall Timeline changes due to Legislative requirements and leadership decisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor for changes, identify impacts to scope, schedule and budget. Adjust the project as necessary.</li> </ul>
Funding concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the “right” mix of funding based on allocation and use allowable funding for the appropriate tasks, Using Telecom tax, state legislative funding, CMS match funding to meet all requirements stated in the bills.</li> <li>• Undetermined resource needs leading to unclear funding needs.</li> </ul>
Coordinating across multiple agencies and external partners is complex and requires strong sponsorship and collaboration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner and ensure alignment with Executive Sponsors in both agencies</li> <li>• Ensure alignment of Project Management teams across agencies</li> <li>• Operationalize Shared risk log, integrated project plans/schedules, communications plan</li> </ul>



# Questions?

## Agency Contacts:

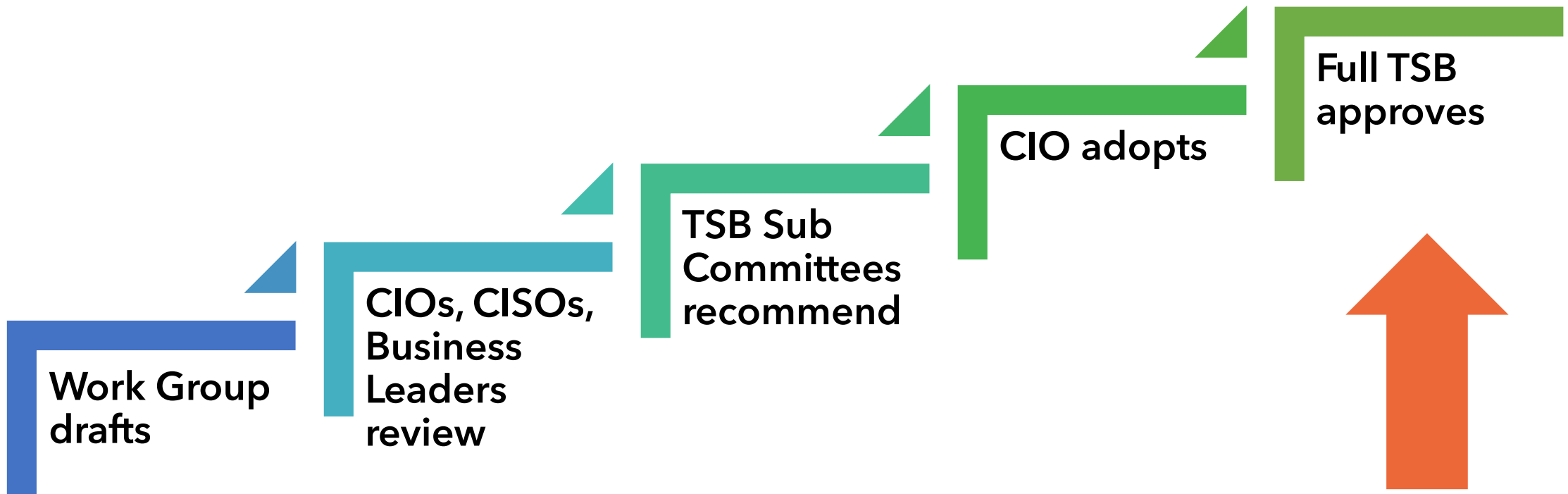
Department of Health – Michele Roberts, Exec Sponsor  
Department of Health – Lonnie Peterson, Business Sponsor  
Department of Health – Callie Goldsby, IT Sponsor

Health Care Authority – Teesha Kirschbaum, Exec Sponsor  
Health Care Authority – Kara Panek, 988 Section Manager  
Health Care Authority – Jerry Britcher, IT Sponsor

# Policies and standards

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# Where are we in the process?





## **EA-01 Enterprise Architecture Program Policy**

- Define enterprise architecture responsibilities.
- Require enterprise architecture data collection and analysis.
- Promote and mature agency enterprise architecture practices.

## **EA-01-01-S Criteria for Developing Principles for Decision Making Standard**

- Develop EA principles with input from both technology and business partners, ensuring they are documented, shared, and regularly updated to align with the agency's evolving strategy.

## **EA-01-02-S Enterprise Architecture Domain Standard**

- The EA Program establishes the core domains of architecture (Business, Data, Application, Technology, and Security ) for executing holistic business and technology strategies.

## **EA-01-04-S Email Address Naming Standards**

- Agencies will utilize the firstname.lastname@agency.wa.gov naming convention for primary email addresses.
- Email addresses standardization will ensure a consistent structure across state government.

## **PM-03 Project Quality Assurance Policy**

- Cleanup language for clarity; Assessment timeline (45 days); Align recommendations with risk.

## **PM-03-02-S Minimum Project Quality Assurance Activities - Readiness**

- Formatting update only.

## **PM-03-03-S Minimum Project QA Activities Standard**

- Minimal changes to allow for more robust content (must vs should; at a minimum).

## **RESCIND: PM-02 Managing Information Technology Projects**

- Content over time became redundant with other policies.

## **SEC-01 Cybersecurity Program Policy**

- Defines state and agency cybersecurity program requirements.
- Sets the tone for a holistic chapter of IT security policies and standards.

## **SEC-04-08-S Unsupported Technology Retirement Standard**

- Requires agencies to track product support cycles and retire unsupported technology through proper planning.

## **SEC-10-01 Traffic Light Protocol Standard**

- Outlines a set of designations to ensure that sensitive communications related to cybersecurity events, alerts, and incidents are shared with the correct audience.

## USER-01 Accessibility Policy

- All public-facing content, including websites, applications, mobile applications, documents and media, blog posts, and social media content meet the DOJ rule for accessibility by **Apr. 2026**.
- **Effective July 1, 2029**, in addition to the requirements set forth in this policy for covered technology, all content and tools that employees or users need to perform essential job duties, access information, or participate in programs must be accessible or content owner is responsible for providing individuals with disabilities equivalent access.

## USER-01-01 Accessibility Standard

- The minimum level of accessibility compliance for covered technology is Level AA compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1
- **Effective July 1, 2026**, the minimum level of compliance for accessibility is Level AA compliance with WCAG 2.2

## USER-01 Accessibility Policy and EO 24-05

### Improving Employment Outcomes for People with Disabilities in State Employment

- Review and update as needed WaTech policy USER-01.
  - Strengthen requirements for accessibility of Washington state online hiring systems, internal online systems such as websites, apps, portals, training materials, and online trainings, internal data collection structures, and documents.
  - Ensure full accessibility to the communications of the state of Washington both for external customers and internal staff.
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- Develop, in partnership with the Disability Advisory Council and the Office of Equity, a list of approved accessibility tools and software for accessibility commonly used by people with disabilities as reasonable accommodations in the workplace.

Motion to approve all of the policies and standards related to Enterprise Architecture, Project Management, IT Security and Accessibility discussed today.

# Innovation & Modernization Fund

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- September 2024 - WaTech published a [report](#) to the legislature on the first year of the IM Program.
  - Provides a detailed look at the estimated and actual costs, project timelines and business results of the projects funded in FY2024.
  - Shares lessons learned and provides recommendations for future project proposals, emphasizing the importance of early planning, strategic vendor relationships, and active program oversight.
- November 2024 - WaTech provided a legislative briefing on the IM Program to non-partisan, Republican, and Democratic staff from both the House and Senate.
  - Briefing featured presentations from three of the FY2024 funded projects including Washington State Patrol, the ARTS Commission and Eastern Washington State Historical Society.



# Innovation & Modernization Program

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Created to provide agencies with a funding mechanism for innovative technology projects and modernization projects.

Projects with shorter duration and smaller dollar value are ideal for the IM Program. Must be completed in the same fiscal year the funds are awarded.

Funded through the 2023 - 2025 budget process.

## THE PROCESS

Agency submittal

IM Program screening

ITIB review

Agency pitch meeting

ITIB Scoring

**TSB Recommendations**

## WHERE WE ARE TODAY

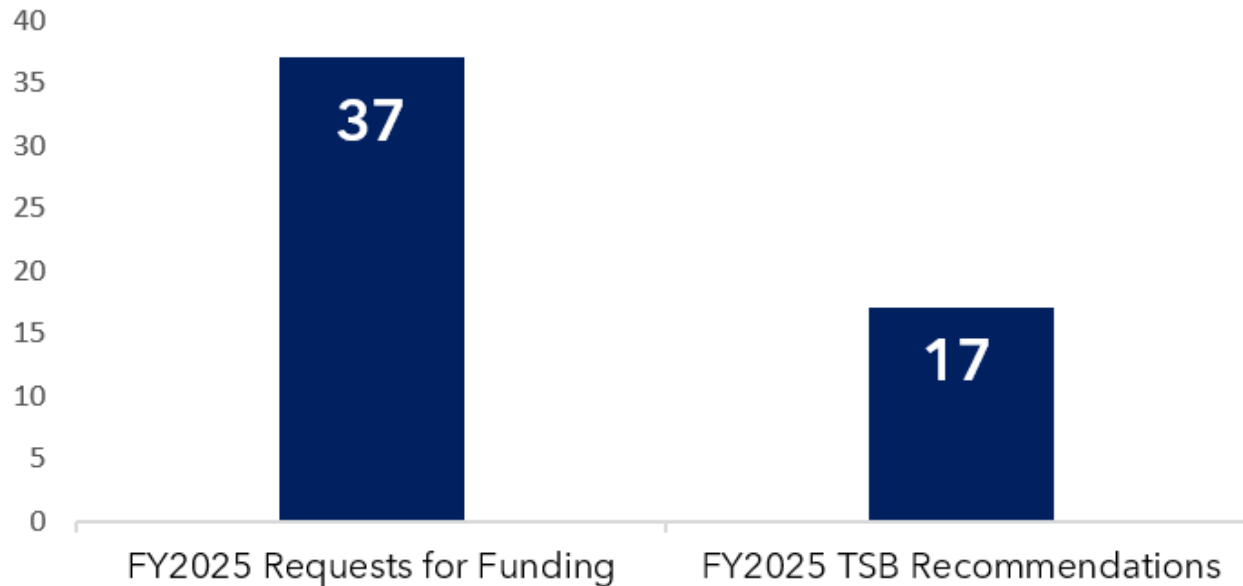
FY2024 - Received 34 proposals = \$6.6 million dollars.  
FY2025 to date - Received 37 proposals = \$8.3 million dollars.

**Nov. 4-15**  
Agency pitch proposals to the ITIB.  
Board scoring & selection.

**TODAY**  
**December 10**  
Recommendation to TSB.

## IM Program FY25 Requests vs. Recommended Projects

Number of Project Requests vs. Number of Recommended Projects



### Project Evaluation Criteria

Measurable Business Outcomes

Due Diligence

Business Driven Technology

Governance and Management

Planning and Readiness

# Projects Approved at June TSB

#	Agency Abbr.	Project Name	Amount Recommended by IT Investment Board
1	CRAB	County Road Administration Board PAVER	\$ 50,400
2	WSP	ServiceNow Human Resource Service Delivery	\$ 400,000
3	DSHS	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Smart Homes	\$ <b>155,000 *</b>
4	WTB	State Workforce Integrated Data Sharing	\$ 142,700
5	DSHS	BHA Data Analytics Proposal	\$ 187,584
6	WDVA	Financial Process Automation	\$ 540,000
7	WSDA	Electronic Signatures	\$ 325,000
8	WDFW	LiFT Modernization	\$ 188,451
9	WSDOT	MS Project Online Implementation	\$ 263,835
10	ECY	Laboratory Information Management System	\$ 215,000
<b>Total</b>			\$ <b><del>2,467,970</del></b>
New Balance with AI Smart Home project excluded			\$ <b>2,312,970</b>

\*On 11/27/24 DSHS informed WaTech of their intent to cancel the AI Smart Homes project. The \$155,000 returned to the fund has been applied to the projects for TSB approval today (on the next slide).

NEW – the IT Investment Board recommends the following projects for TSB approval.

#	Agency Abbr.	Project Name	Amount Recommended by IT Investment Board
		<b>Available Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$687,030</b>
1	DAHP	Seismic Retrofit Portal for Unreinforced Masonry Structures	\$95,000
2	DFW	Automation of Purchase Cards	\$261,362
3	DVA	Integration of Siteimprove Software for the WDVA Website	\$38,500
4	DVA	SSG Fox – Federal VA Case Mgmt Data Synchronization	\$61,400
5	EWSHS	Nitrate Negatives Digital Preservation	\$70,000
6	LCB	Public Records Management System	\$85,768
7	UW	Airlift Northwest Network and Wireless Modernization	\$75,000
<b>Total for TSB approval</b>			<b>\$687,030</b>

Approval of the above projects will commit the full IM fund balance of \$3 million for FY2025.

# Project Summary

Name of Business Owner:

Allyson Brooks, Ph.D.

Name of Presenter at Pitch to ITIB:

Allyson Brooks / Morgan McLemore

Project Type:  MODERNIZATION

Mark only one type.  INNOVATION

**Agency Name:** Dept. of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

**Project Name:** Seismic Retrofit Portal for Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Structures (*a.k.a., URM Portal*)

## Project Costs

\*M&O costs are the responsibility of the agency.

One-time costs: \$95,000

Ongoing costs:  
(M&O)\* \$20,000

**Funding recommendation:** \$95,000

## Project description/problem to solve:

The State's unreinforced masonry buildings are at risk of full or partial collapse during a seismic event. There is an 86% chance that the next earthquake will occur within the next 5 minutes or 50 years. Unfortunately, the gravity of the situation is unknown to the State because no central repository is currently being maintained at an enterprise and programmatic level. These URM structures need to be identified and their information accessible to the land manager so they can be prioritized for mitigation.

## Solution:

1) Construct an editable, interactive web application (portal) to document URM buildings that will directly connect the State's residents and stakeholders to mitigation resources. 2) Create URM data interoperability between State, federal, tribal, and local emergency management agencies, including updating DAHP's Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD) application programming interface.

## Value:

1) The State will be able to identify 100% of Washington State's URMs and begin to prioritize retrofit endeavors. 2) There will be a 100% increase in shared real-time URM data to the public through WA GeoPortal and enterprise stakeholders. 3) Ensure that everyone has access to the same statewide information.

## Key Milestones:

- Planning/Analysis Phase
- Design/Development Phase
- Testing/Implementation Phase
- Evaluation Phase/Maintenance Phase

## Key Risks:

- Short timeline
- DAHP is a Small Agency with limited resources

## Success Factors:

- Building off existing WISAARD IT infrastructure and existing contracting.
- DAHP has 20 years of Agile software development experience.

**Project Start / End Dates:**

12/30/2024

/

06/30/2025

# Project Summary

Name of Business  
Owner:

Morgan Stinson, CFO

Name of Presenter  
at Pitch to ITIB:

Morgan Stinson

**Agency Name:** Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Project Name:** Automation of purchase cards

## Project description/problem to solve:

DFW is seeking to modernize the current manual purchase card reconciliation process with an automated solution. The current process is outdated and requires multiple FTEs to complete.

## Solution:

DFW is seeking a solution that reduces the ~750 hours a month of staff time processing the payment card purchases. Currently, DFW is open to solutions. One of them includes using a Robotic Process Automation tool from a vendor known to WaTech.

## Value:

- Online purchase card process (includes submitting purchase information, approval of purchase, and reconciling payments.)
- Provide user friendly experience
- Reduce staff time through digital workflows
- Efficient, consistent and organized solution

**Project Start / End Dates:**

11/01/2024

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06/30/2025

**Project Type:**

**MODERNIZATION**

Mark only one type.

**INNOVATION**

## Project Costs

\*M&O costs are the responsibility of the agency.

One-time costs:

\$400,060

Ongoing costs:

\$78,000

(M&O)\*

**Funding  
recommendation:**

\$261,362

## Key Milestones:

- Project initiation
- Implementation
- Go-live (training and post go-live support)

## Key Risks:

- Vendor's ability to construct a viable system and process
- Staff adoption of the digital process

## Success Factors:

Reducing staff time to eliminate the 750 hours worth of work and saving over \$1M annually

# Project Summary

Name of Business  
Owner:

Jennifer Montgomery

Name of Presenter  
at Pitch to ITIB:

Jennifer Montgomery

**Agency Name:** Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

**Project Name:** Integration of SiteImprove for the WDVA Website

## Project description/problem to solve:

The Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) is dedicated to improving the accessibility, usability, and overall quality of its website. With just one full-time employee managing over 4,000 information nodes, implementing SiteImprove is essential for meeting accessibility and usability standards effectively.

Our goal is to use SiteImprove to proactively identify issues, paving the way for enterprise-wide adoption across the state. As we work toward compliance with WCAG 2.1 AA standards by 2026, investing in such tools is crucial for creating an inclusive online experience for all citizens.

## Solution:

By systematically identifying areas for improvement, the WDVA will ensure compliance with accessibility standards, streamline navigation, and update outdated information, ultimately creating a more engaging and accessible online platform for veterans and their families. Through monitoring and adaptation, SiteImprove will empower us to provide timely and relevant resources, fostering trust and satisfaction for users.

## Value:

SiteImprove will provide insights into website performance, accessibility compliance, content quality, and SEO optimization, ensuring that veterans and their families can easily access vital information and services.

**Project Start / End Dates:**

01/01/2025

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05/31/2025

**Project Type:**  MODERNIZATION

Mark only one type.  INNOVATION

## Project Costs

\*M&O costs are the responsibility of the agency.

One-time costs:	\$42,500
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Ongoing costs: (M&O)*	\$28,000
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<b>Funding recommendation:</b>	\$38,500
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## Key Milestones:

- Improve Accessibility
- Monitor Content Quality
- Boost SEO Performance

## Key Risks:

- Accessibility Issues
- Outdated Content
- Technical Issues with Integration

## Success Factors:

Regular audits and updates based on user needs will maintain high standards of accessibility and content quality, ultimately leading to a more user-friendly and accessible website for veterans and their families.

# Project Summary

Name of Business  
Owner:

Eric Burns

Name of Presenter  
at Pitch to ITIB:

James Chapin

**Agency Name:** Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

**Project Name:** SSG Fox Federal VA Case Management data Synchronization

## Project description/problem to solve:

WDVA plans to use RPA (Robotic Process Automation) to synchronize data between our internal Case Management solution and the Federal VA's platform to create more efficient and accurate synchronization.

## Solution:

Use RPA to bi-directionally synchronize data between WDVA and the Federal VA's platforms.

## Value:

This effort will result in faster delivery of services, additional time for program staff to perform direct services, and reduced human error when syncing data between systems.

**Project Start / End Dates:**

12/16/2024

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04/07/2025

**Project Type:**  MODERNIZATION

Mark only one type.  **INNOVATION**

## Project Costs

\*M&O costs are the responsibility of the agency.

One-time costs: \$61,400

Ongoing costs:  
(M&O)\* \$12,000

**Funding  
recommendation:** \$61,400

## Key Milestones:

- Technical Design / Development
- Test/UAT & Fed VA Sign Off
- Production Release

## Key Risks:

- Changes to the Federal VA platform
- Microsoft changes to Dynamics during Bi-Annual Wave updates
- Long-term maintenance and support funding by agency

## Success Factors:

WDVA Staff availability, Clear and concise requirements, Stakeholder commitment to long term maintenance and support, timely communication with Federal VA for upcoming changes, timely notification of Microsoft updates.



# Project Summary

Name of Business  
Owner:

Wesley Jessup

Name of Presenter  
at Pitch to ITIB:

Anna Harbine

**Agency Name:** Eastern Washington State Historical Society

**Project Name:** Nitrate Negatives Digital Preservation

## Project description/problem to solve:

Digitization and digital preservation of early, diverse, and historic images found on nitrate negatives deemed unsafe to continue storing in their current state by the Spokane County Fire Marshall.

## Solution:

Pilot project to digitize high priority nitrate negatives using a camera scanning set up. Digital preservation of the reformatted images through a Digital Asset Management System (DAMS). Preparation for further digitization through federal grant funding applications.

## Value:

Through this project the agency will: meet safety guidelines, reduce health risks as the negatives continue to deteriorate, plan for more funding provide greater access to the historic images through online publication, and secure stable long term digital storage.

**Project Start / End Dates:**

12/01/2024

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06/30/2025

**Project Type:**  MODERNIZATION

Mark only one type.  INNOVATION

## Project Costs

\*M&O costs are the responsibility of the agency.

One-time costs:	\$70,000
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Ongoing costs: (M&O)*	\$82,000
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<b>Funding recommendation:</b>	\$70,000
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## Key Milestones:

- pilot project digitization of 200 panoramic nitrate negatives
- contract and implementation of Preservica (DAMS)
- project planning to plan for the digitization the whole collection

## Key Risks:

- instability of the 200 panoramic negatives could cause image loss
- lack of future funding could slow the process for digitization of the whole collection, increasing the risk of image loss

## Success Factors:

This project will preserve the images most at risk and help the agency plan for a larger scale project, while giving the agency the tools needed to continue the digitization process even if the agency does not secure future funding.

# Project Summary

Name of Business  
Owner:

Samina Mays

Name of Presenter  
at Pitch to ITIB:

David Kuhn

**Agency Name:** Washington State Liquor & Cannabis Board (WSLCB)

**Project Name:** Public Records Management System

## Project description/problem to solve:

WSLCB is seeking to consolidate the agency's public records request intake and workflow management. Currently, public records requests are managed through a variety of intake and fulfillment processes using multiple systems with no integration, manual tracking, and limited compliance reporting. Consolidating intake and management will improve response times and reduce or eliminate the risk of compliance violations.

## Solution:

WSLCB is planning on implementing Granicus' GovQA, a cloud-based solution. That enables citizens and customers use a public-facing portal to make public records request, vet requests, track fulfillment, and create an accessible archive, as well as manage legal holds and subpoenas.

## Value:

GovQA combines currently disparate workflows into an integrated process that saves staff time and streamlines response into a single Intake process and portal for request submission and delivery. Enables end-to-end automation and notification of out of compliant request processes. Ability to report on all data elements required to meet the Public Record Metrics as defined by JLARC.

**Project Start / End Dates:**

10/07/2024

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02/07/2025

**Project Type:**



**MODERNIZATION**

Mark only one type.



**INNOVATION**

## Project Costs

\*M&O costs are the responsibility of the agency.

One-time costs:

\$85,768

Ongoing costs:

\$85,768

(M&O)\*

**Funding  
recommendation:**

\$85,768

## Key Milestones:

- Implementation of core GovQA including public portal
- Automations for timely communication and request fulfillment
- Establishing public-facing record archive

## Key Risks:

- Implementation failure and return to inefficient workflow
- Workflow automation fails to catch out of compliant requests
- Communication plan fails to drive public to new portal

## Success Factors:

1. Less time spent in redaction state.
2. Less time spent compiling records and tracking record source.
3. Ability to track consolidated requests and fulfillment through public archive.

# Project Summary

**Name of Business Owner:** Bin Guo, Vice President UW Information and Technology

**Name of Presenter at Pitch to ITIB:** Brian Boyd, Director of Network & Communications Tech, UW-IT

**Project Type:**  MODERNIZATION

Mark only one type.  INNOVATION

**Agency Name:** University of Washington

**Project Name:** Airlift Northwest Network and Wireless Modernization

## Project description/problem to solve:

Airlift NW emergency network infrastructure components are at end-of-life, missing, or becoming unreliable. Equipment lacks the capacity required to operate wireless clinical devices (e.g., a life pack or blood analyzer); upgraded network capacity is needed to connect to UW network and provide online video clinical training to staff. UW-IT, which manages overall UW network infrastructure, and Airlift NW IT specialists are partnering on a project to eliminate legacy equipment and upgrade the network for enhanced security, reliable wireless connectivity, and greater network capacity.

## Solution:

Replace legacy routers, firewalls, and wireless system at each base with modern equipment. Create wireless connectivity to UW and capacity to support wireless medical devices, provide online clinical training, and enhance emergency communications.

## Value:

Fast, effective emergency health care for all people who need it, regardless of identify, location or insurance. Low- cost self-support service for taxpayers. Enhanced emergency medical care with wireless devices. Faster, more effective communication with UW network and first-responder partners; enhanced data security and educational access and quality for on-line clinical training.

**Project Start / End Dates:** 01/01/2025 / 05/30/2025

## Project Costs

\*M&O costs are the responsibility of the agency.

One-time costs: \$165,000

Ongoing costs:  
(M&O)\* \$18,500

**Funding recommendation:** \$75,000

## Key Milestones:

1. Equipment Purchase
2. Installation & Production
3. Project Close-out

## Key Risks:

1. Delay securing equipment
2. Difficulty locating labor to service remote bases.
3. Reliable network backhaul to remote areas.

## Success Factors:

- Project team is experienced & ready to start 1/25 with a detailed project plan.
- Equipment sources are identified and readily accessible.
- Project is set as a priority for UW-IT and UW Medicine.

# Innovation and Modernization Fund TSB Approval

Requesting TSB approval on the below recommended projects.

#	Agency Abbr.	Project Name	Amount Recommended by IT Investment Board
		<b>Available Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$687,030</b>
1	DAHP	Seismic Retrofit Portal for Unreinforced Masonry Structures	\$95,000
2	DFW	Automation of Purchase Cards	\$261,362
3	DVA	Integration of Siteimprove Software for the WDVA Website	\$38,500
4	DVA	SSG Fox - Federal VA Case Mgmt Data Synchronization	\$61,400
5	EWSHS	Nitrate Negatives Digital Preservation	\$70,000
6	LCB	Public Records Management System	\$85,768
7	UW	Airlift Northwest Network and Wireless Modernization	\$75,000
		<b>Total for TSB approval</b>	<b>\$687,030</b>

# Subcommittee Status

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## Public comment