

Innovation and Modernization Program

December 2024 Update

- The IT Investment Board completed their evaluation of eighteen (18) project proposals submitted by agencies for a chance to receive some of the \$532,000 dollars remaining in the IM fund.
- The board will recommend funding seven agency projects at the December 10 Technology Services Board (TSB) meeting. Projects approved by the TSB must implement before June 30, 2025, and grant dollars must be utilized in FY25. If TSB approves all seven projects, this will commit the full fund balance of \$3 million dollars for FY2025.
- In early November 2024, WaTech held a legislative briefing on the Innovation and Modernization Program with presentations from three of the FY2024 projects including Washington State Patrol (WSP), The ARTS Commission and the Eastern Washington State Historical Society (EWSHS). The agencies shared their experiences with the IM Program and demonstrated the technology solutions implemented with IM grant dollars. The legislative briefing was attended by committee staff from both House and Senate and provided an update on the first year of the IM Program.
- **FY2025 Proposals**
 - The IM Program has received 37 proposals from 17 agencies for a total of \$8.3 million dollars. Upon TSB approval, the IM Program will have awarded a total of \$3 million dollars to 17 projects representing 13 agencies.
 - The IM Program has demonstrated success funding short-term, low cost and high impact projects and are planning for continued funding the 2025-2027 biennium. WaTech has submitted a decision package for the 2025-2027 biennium requesting \$4.76 million per fiscal year (\$9.5 million for the biennium). To learn more about FY2024 project outcomes, read the [report](#) published by WaTech to the Washington state Legislature on the first year of the IM Program.