News from U.S. Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09)

Chairman, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces; Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; vice-chair of the New Democrat Coalition.

Fiscal Year 2011 Project Requests (Defense)

Project Title: Advanced Medical Training and Technology Platform
Amount: $3,000,000
Recipient: Seattle Science Foundation
Address: 550 17th Avenue #600
City: Seattle
State: Washington
Zip: 98122
Explanation: This funding would be used to expand education and training of physicians at Madigan Army Medical Center and around the Pacific Northwest using simulation and live conferencing. This is a good use of tax payer funds because it will improve the ability of medical personnel to train, learn new techniques, and participate in seminars around the world while reducing travel expenses and lost productivity due to time away from duty stations.

Project Title: Epigenetic Disease Research
Amount: $2,500,000
Recipient: Washington State University
Address: 220 French Administration Building
City: Pullman
State: Washington
Zip: 99164
Explanation: The funding would be used to research and develop biomarkers to detect diseases or conditions in military personnel, including exposure to toxic substances and environmental hazards. This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will improve the monitoring, detection, and treatment of health conditions in military personnel that may be caused by environmental exposures during service and deployment.

Project Title: Madigan Army Medical Center Trauma Assistance Program
Amount: $2,500,000
Recipient: Madigan Army Medical Center, MultiCare Health System, and Franciscan Health System
Address: 315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way

City: Tacoma
State: Washington
Zip: 98415
Explanation: This project provides critical trauma training for military medical personnel at local civilian hospitals. This is a good use of tax payer funds because it provides military physicians with the necessary training to meet the current challenges faced abroad while at the same time providing essential Level II trauma treatment for South King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Thurston Counties and southwest Washington.

Project Title: Next Generation Leishmaniasis Drug Development
Amount: $2,300,000
Recipient: Seattle Biomedical Research Institute
Address: 307 Westlake Avenue North
City: Seattle
State: Washington
Zip: 98109
Explanation: This funding will be used to develop the next generation of drugs to treat leishmaniasis. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because military personnel continue to deploy to areas that are threatened by parasitic diseases such as leishmaniasis, and a more effective treatment is needed to protect our troops from this parasite.

Project Title: Scleral Healing and Bone Repair with Sphere-Templated Polymers
Amount: $1,687,000
Recipient: University of Washington
Address: N330J William H. Foege Building, Box 355061
City: Seattle
State: Washington
Zip: 98195
Explanation: This funding would be used to test the application of a new biomaterial aimed at saving traumatized eyes and restoring sight after corneal injury, and replacing destroyed large bone segments. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the research has the possibility of improving the quality of life for wounded military personnel and injured civilians who suffer trauma to the eyes or bones.

Project Title: Vaccine Stabilization Initiative
Amount: $3,200,000
Recipient: PATH
Address: 1455 NW Leary Way
City: Seattle
State: Washington
Zip: 98107
Explanation: This funding will be used to develop thermo-stable and dose sparing vaccines to be used by military personnel and in countries where the Department of