



Sen. Kline



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Construction budget emphasizes community development projects in Seattle

OLYMPIA – The Senate last week passed a construction budget that will help improve the environment, educational opportunities, as well as human service, social and cultural facilities in Seattle and throughout the state. At the same time, it will create thousands of jobs.

“I’m very pleased with the quality of community improvement projects slated for Seattle,” said **Sen. Adam Kline, D-Seattle**. “This budget is going to help the people in our community who need help the most, and help boost local businesses through key area investments.”

The capital budget funds appropriations for construction projects, and much of it is financed through the sale of general obligation bonds.

The Senate proposal funds the following projects in and around the 37th District:

- **Asian Counseling and Referral Service:** \$2 million is set to help build a counseling facility on Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Construction and facility operations will bring 225 jobs to the area.
- **Urban League Village at Colman School:** \$500,000 is set to fund mixed-income housing, creating a diverse housing community. In addition, \$700,000 will go toward building the Northwest African American Museum.
- **Wing Luke Asian Museum:** The Wing Luke is the only Smithsonian Institution affiliate in the Pacific Northwest. \$1.5 million is being given to help build a new facility in the International District that will consist of a new auditorium, gallery, exhibition and classroom space, as well as space to house new programs and community events.
- **El Centro de la Raza;** \$900,000 is scheduled to replace the original windows at El Centro, which provides social support services, including housing and education, to Seattle’s Latino population; the current windows are 94 years old.
- **The Seward Park Environmental and Audubon Center:** \$400,000 for the construction of this center, which will focus on environmental education and relationships.
- **Seattle Central Community College:** \$300,000 is provided to construct a 2,000 square-foot Greenhouse/Educational Garden to enhance college programs in botany, biology and biotechnology. Technology Labs and Classrooms will receive \$8 million to renovate and add two new Internet technology classrooms.
- **City of Renton Boeing Redevelopment:** \$5 million is apportioned for stormwater, water and sewer improvements for the redevelopment of Boeing property in north Renton. A separate bill (House Bill 1903) would have to pass for this project to be appropriated.
- **Denise Louie Education Center (DLEC):** The center is moving to a bigger location to enable them to serve more students – expanding by 30 percent for

now, with more potential growth at a later date. \$400,000 is being given to help the DLEC with the expansion.

- **Pratt Fine Arts Center:** \$300,000 will be used to help the center reach its fundraising goal so that they may build a new, larger visual arts complex in the Central District.
- **Neighborhood House:** \$350,000 to rebuild the Rainier Vista Center.
- **Compass Center:** \$400,000 for this center, which serves homeless and low-income adults in Seattle.
- **Filipino Community Center:** The center, which promotes educational and socio-economic empowerment and pride among Filipino Americans, will receive \$200,000 for improvement projects.
- **The Duwamish Longhouse and Cultural Center:** At the request of the Duwamish, \$65,000 is being allotted to build the Longhouse and Cultural Center.

The capital budget ([Senate Bill 6094](#)) now moves to the House of Representatives.

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