

## 2014 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

### STATE HOSPITAL ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Request	FY14	FY15	13-15
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
GF-State	\$0	\$1,453,000	\$1,453,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,453,000</b>	<b>\$1,453,000</b>

#### DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) requests funding in the 2013-15 Biennium for the replacement of equipment that is critical in the support of the health, safety, and security of residents and staff at the department's institutional programs.

#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

Funding is requested for the replacement of essential equipment at Western State Hospital (WSH) and Eastern State Hospital (ESH) to support the health, safety, and security of residents and staff. The equipment to be replaced includes direct care items that exceed reasonable life spans and are necessary for the safe, secure, and effective operation of these inpatient facilities. Some of the most behaviorally complex people in Washington State receive inpatient treatment at the state hospitals. Their physical safety, treatment, and public safety depend on competent, professional care and up to date, functional equipment.

WSH and ESH provide patient evaluation, mental health therapy, medical treatment (including radiology, dental, pharmacy, and laboratory), physical, speech and occupational therapies, and appropriate levels of supportive physical care. The hospitals operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Typically, the facilities operate at capacity most of the year.

#### PROPOSED SOLUTION

The solution is a routine investment in new equipment to replace items simply worn out with daily use or obsolete for patient care. The new items will be purchased as soon as funding is available. Examples include beds, bed alarms, sling lifts, wheel chairs, medical equipment, and communications equipment. This is a minimal request that may not address all patient care or safety issues related to current inventory of equipment at Eastern and Western State Hospitals.

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

Funding this request will strengthen the foundation for the current continuum of care and access to client services at the department's institutions. Appropriate safe, up to date, and functional equipment supports and provides for healthy, safe, and secure facilities and campuses.

#### STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Unions, hospital patients, would support this investment. Unions and patients may not believe the investment is enough.