

Reducing Rural Roadway Departures Program Report

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WSDOT - Local Programs Reducing Rural Roadway Departures Program Report

RE: RCW 47.04.410(1)(e)

RCW 47.04.410(1)(e) requires by December 31st of each year when there is funding distributed in accordance with this program, the department must provide the transportation committees of the legislature and the traffic safety commission with a list of locations that received funding and a description of the safety improvements installed there.

Program Status:

In 2024 WSDOT Local Programs did not select any new projects from the Reducing Rural Roadway Departures Program. The funding was initially included as part of the 2023 County Safety Program – Call for Projects – to reduce the number of applications and workload for county staff.

The eight projects that were selected in 2023 totaled \$4,622,000 (please refer to the [Reducing Rural Roadway Departures Program Report, December 2023](#) for details). Most recently, an increase of approximately \$154,000 was provided to Klickitat County, based on their updated engineer's estimate for construction. Currently, all projects have preliminary engineering/design funds authorized and Douglas County and Klickitat County have construction authorized. A total of \$1,057,806 has been authorized to date.

The County Safety Program selects projects in odd-numbered years. The next funding will be provided during the 2025 County Safety Program – Call for Projects. These program funds are a welcome addition to county safety efforts across the state, as applications for County Safety Program funds have exceeded available resources by 2-3 times the funding available each cycle.

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