

Civilian Intervention Program Report

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RE: ESSB 5161 Section 224(2)

ESSB 5161 Section 224(2) requires the Washington State Department of Transportation to continue the civilian intervention grant program in accordance with program requirements under section [224\(6\), chapter 472, Laws of 2023](#). Funding is provided to support local initiatives that expand or establish civilian intervention programs for nonmoving violations, focusing on nonpunitive interventions. The department shall report on its website annually the recipients, locations, and types of projects funded.

Three qualified community organizations applied for the 25-27 biennium and were selected to receive funding through the Civilian Intervention Programs.

Recipient

[BlueBridge Alliance](#) (award \$220,064) - a non-profit organization that works directly with approved law enforcement agencies to provide nonpunitive solution-oriented responses to nonmoving violations and other interventions for low-income road users.

Location:

BlueBridge Alliance works with multiple cities, counties and state law enforcement agencies throughout Washington State. In 2025, direct officer intervention locations included: Moses Lake, Redmond, Wenatchee Valley, Mountlake Terrace, Pullman, Puyallup, Grays Harbor, Liberty Lake, Kent and Medina.

Types of Projects:

- Direct officer roadside intervention providing immediate assistance to low-income roadway users in crisis.
- Many interventions in 2025 centered on fuel and vehicle-related issues preventing vehicles from being stranded or impounded, which in turn averted cascading negative consequences for vulnerable individuals.
- Interventions achieved multiple positive outcomes including 12 life savings, 10 public safety issue diversions, eight de-escalations, and eight homelessness prevention/interventions.

Recipient

[Auto Repair Transformation \(ART\)](#) (award \$300,000) - a non-profit organization that hosts community workshops on car maintenance and repairs. They also provide free automotive repairs to low-income road users to prevent a nonmoving violation from occurring.

Location:

ART works with community members across Seattle and South King, Pierce, and Kitsap Counties.

Types of Projects:

- Repairs and outreach activities focusing on vehicle safety inspections, bulb replacement, safety repairs community engagement and education focusing on activities ensuring vehicles remain safe, compliant, and road ready.

- Workshops such as Lights Out On Racism – ART has expanded this intervention program designed to prevent unnecessary traffic stops and legal entanglements by proactively addressing vehicle equipment failures through education, free safety inspections, minor repairs, repair vouchers, and other safety interventions.
- In 2025 ART conducted 89 vehicle safety inspections, spent 260 hours educating the community about vehicle and road safety, replaced 125 vehicle light bulbs, spent 238 labor hours doing safety repairs, replaced 94 tires that were below the legal minimum tread, and provided DOL tab and relicensing financial assistance.

Recipient

[Opportunity Council Island County](#) (award \$175,000) - a non-profit organization dedicated to serving individuals and families of Island County, providing free automotive repair assistance to vulnerable low-income road users and proactively preventing nonmoving violations from occurring.

Location:

Opportunity Council works with community members within Island County.

Types of Projects:

- Working with local law enforcement to keep roads safe by deterring or preventing costly fees or fines for items that are easily fixed with a voucher.
- In 2025 Opportunity Council provided funding to low-income road users for assistance with vehicle repairs, disabled vehicle/towing, expired tabs and insurance, licensing, parking ticket fines, car seats, bike repairs and taillight, turn signal and light bulb replacement.

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