

BUILDING BACK BETTER | INVESTING IN A RESILIENT RECOVERY FOR WASHINGTON STATE

The COVID-19 public health and economic crises have left American families, businesses, and institutions financially vulnerable and uncertain about the future. How can we emerge from the current crises in a human-centric and resilient way that restores livelihoods and creates substantial health and climate benefits?

Our report introduces a “Resilient Recovery Portfolio” to inform the state’s economic recovery plans. The included programs enhance community and family well-being through clean air and climate benefits linked to above-average job creation, wages, and economic performance.

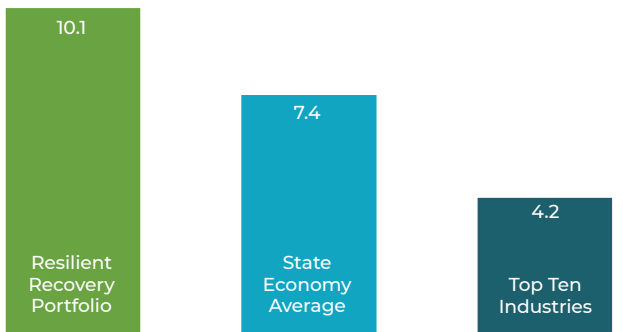
WHAT IS THE RESILIENT RECOVERY PORTFOLIO?

It includes investments into 14 programs across...



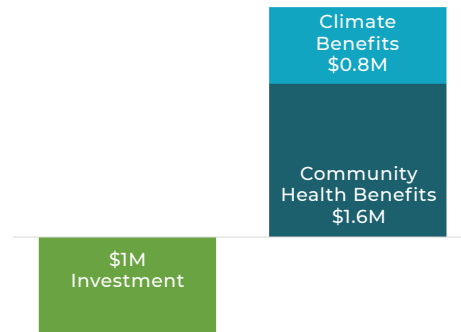
These investment programs would support...

SUPERIOR JOB GROWTH.



FTE JOB-YEARS IN WASHINGTON PER \$1 MILLION INVESTED

COMMUNITY HEALTH THROUGH CLEANER AIR.



COST-BENEFIT PER \$1 M INVESTED IN RESILIENT RECOVERY

Resilient Recovery Programs support labor (as opposed to capital) intensive industries that conduct more business in Washington. Every million dollars invested supports over ten jobs, which outperforms both the state average investment (7.4) and the state’s largest industries (4.2).

Cleaner air is crucial for the world to better respond to future public health crises and alleviate the pollution burden on vulnerable communities. Every million dollars invested returns \$2.4 million in health and climate benefits, including \$1.6 million from clean air alone.

These programs help build the jobs and communities of a net-zero emissions future. Expanding programs to meet the state’s climate targets would unlock net health and climate benefits of \$46 billion through 2050. These findings help state and federal policymakers design an

economic recovery plan that maximizes job creation and long-term community benefits. By investing in this approach, Washington can lead the transformation America needs to recover from the current crisis and build back better.