



health sciences & services authority of spokane county

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Dear Friends & Supporters,

A year has passed since we last reflected on our progress and had the opportunity to thank our many friends and supporters like you. The Health Sciences & Services Authority (HSSA) of Spokane County has enjoyed another productive and successful year.

The HSSA was created in 2007 by the Washington Legislature (RCW 35.104) and authorized by Spokane County in 2008 to promote bioscience-based economic development and to advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease and promote public health. HSSA receives deferred sales tax of .02 percent county-wide, which it invests in the County's Investment Pool. The HSSA commits approximately 75 percent of its revenues to bio- and health science research and infrastructure development that supports research, 15 percent to public health by funding innovative health services delivery to the under- and uninsured in the County, and about 10 percent for administration.

HSSA has held three grant competitions and funded \$675,000 to the Institute for Systems Medicine (ISM) to create a bio-specimen repository and a clinical data repository; \$225,000 to Project Access to increase access to health services, and \$180,000 to three local recipients involved in the expansion of health service delivery in the area. These three were the GSI/WSU outreach program to create clinical rotations and residences for the proposed expanded medical school, the Northeast Community Association's expanded health care clinic, and Providence Sacred Heart Foundation for its HIV/AIDS clinic to increase the number of patients served and provide training for physicians.

The HSSA bonded 75 percent of its revenues in late 2010 through Spokane County. These are revenues committed to bio-and health science research and infrastructure that support this research. HSSA raised \$10,700,000 at a very favorable rate for future regional research grants.

We are currently engaged in a strategic planning process with other research funders in the area including Empire Health Foundation and Providence Health Care with the goal to collaborate and leverage our respective funding, and substantially grow research funding in Spokane County most efficiently and effectively.

On behalf of the HSSA Board of Directors, and our Acting Executive Director, we wish you a joyous holiday season, and we look forward to continuing to create bioscience-based economic development and opportunity in Spokane County for many years. Again, thank you for your support and happy holidays!

**Nancy L. Isserlis, Chair, HSSA Board of Directors**

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