

THE WILLIAM D. RUCKELSHAUS CENTER

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Crisis Governing and Decision-making: Reviewing Pandemic Lessons from Emergency Management Systems in WA

The Washington State Legislature provided funding to the Washington Military Department to contract with the William D. Ruckelshaus Center to compare the traditional Emergency Management decision-making systems in Washington State with other decision-making structures and provide recommendations for future emergency responses.

Project Goal: Identify lessons learned from responding to Covid-19 examining decision making and regional coordination to develop a set of recommendations for emergency management decision making systems utilized in governments, universities, businesses, and other entities.

The Center is partnering with Berk Consulting and the Pacific North-West Economic Region (PNWER) to assist with this project.

Project Timeline:

With an end goal of June 2023, the following will guide the project:

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| • August 2022- September 2022: | Project Design |
| • September 2022- January 2023: | Research and Engagement |
| • January 2023- March 2023: | Development of Recommendations |
| • April 2023- June 2023: | Presentation of Findings |

Areas of Focus:

- Successes and barriers experienced during Covid-19 efforts
- Decision-making strategies and innovations
- Regional crisis decision-making and collaboration
- Recommendations for future efforts
- And other topics

Project Partners



Pacific NorthWest
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