



# City of Seattle

**Federal Update**

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# Agenda

- FY 2024 Appropriations Update: Debt Ceiling Impact, Status of Appropriations Bills
- Additional Pending Items
- Federal Funding
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  - Inflation Reduction Act
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# FY24 Appropriations Update

- **Outcome of Debt Ceiling Negotiations:** In June, President Biden signed legislation into law to avert a U.S. debt default. The law limits federal spending for two years and suspends the debt ceiling through the 2024 election. ***If all 12 appropriations bills are not enacted by January 1, all discretionary spending will receive a 1% cut across the board.***
- Despite the spending levels set by the debt ceiling agreement, the House is marking up their bills below the threshold.
- On November 16, President Biden signed a continuing resolution establishing two key deadlines for the passage of funding bills.
- The Agriculture, Energy and Water, MilCon-VA, and Transportation- HUD bills must be passed before **January 19**. The remaining eight appropriations bills must be passed by **February 2**.

# FY24 Appropriations Update

- **Status of FY24 Appropriations:** As of November 30, 2023, few appropriations bills have passed either the House or Senate:
  - **House:** Defense, Energy & Water, Homeland Security, **Military Construction-Veterans Affairs**, Legislative Branch, Interior-Environment, State-Foreign Operations.
  - **Senate:** Agriculture-FDA, **Military Construction-Veterans Affairs**, Transportation-HUD.
  - Only the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs bill has passed both chambers.

# Additional Pending Items

- **FAA Reauthorization:** The short-term CR passed on September 30 extends the FAA's authorization until December 31.
- **Farm Bill:** Reauthorization of key nutrition programs, rural development, and conservation programs. The November 16<sup>th</sup> CR extended the deadline through September 2024.
- **National Defense Authorization Act:** Annual defense policy bill traditionally passed on a bipartisan basis.
- **President's Supplemental Requests:** President Biden submitted two supplemental requests to Congress for urgent domestic and security needs, including funding for Ukraine and Israel. The requests combined would also allocate \$2.7 billion to address the fentanyl crisis and \$6 billion for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

# Federal Funding

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/Inflation Reduction Act:**
  - Awards through November 2023: ~\$95,000,000 (several awards spread over multiple years)
  - Total # awards since May 2022: 21 awards
- **Earmarks (Congressionally Directed Spending / Community Project Funding)**
  - FY23 awards: \$5,058,000
  - FY24 applications: ~\$7,200,000

# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & Inflation Reduction Act Implementation

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also known as Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act)**
  - Signed into law on November 15, 2021
  - Provides \$1.2 trillion over 5 years in infrastructure spending, including \$550 billion in new spending
- **Inflation Reduction Act**
  - Signed into law on August 16, 2022
  - Authorizes \$400 billion in spending on climate investments, while also lowering health care and energy costs
  - Expands preexisting clean energy tax credits so local governments are now eligible
    - Credits cover solar, wind, and batteries

# BIL Grants Awarded

Lead Department	Partner Departments	Grant Name	Project Description	Amount of Award	Date Awarded
SDOT	NA	Bridge Formula Program (2022)	The grants will help revive three bridges: S Spokane Street Viaduct, Jose Rizal Bridge, and 15th Ave NW and Leary Way NW Bridge.	\$15,000,000	7/19/22
SDOT	NA	Bridge Investment Program Planning Grant	Plan for 4th/Argo Railyard crossing replacement	\$2,400,000	10/12/22
SDOT	NA	Safe Streets for All	Ped/bike safety improvements	\$25,600,000	1/30/23
SDOT	NA	SMART	We submitted an application for an automated curb space management system, while Sound Transit submitted an application that includes pass-through funds for safety-oriented video analytics on our light rail corridors.	\$1,996,000	3/20/23
SDOT	NA	Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	Strengthen areaways on 1st Ave to support Culture Connector (award is for design)	\$2,450,000	5/23
SDOT	NA	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality	Improve signals on N 80th & 85th St (award is for design – construction is still on a contingency list)	\$4,225,000	5/23



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SDOT	NA	Surface Transportation Block Grant	Denny Way Overlay	\$1,450,000	11/10/22
SDOT	NA	Surface Transportation Block Grant	Harrison St Transit Corridor	\$4,200,000	11/10/22
SDOT	NA	Surface Transportation Block Grant	Georgetown to Downtown Bike Lane	\$1,090,000	11/10/22
SDOT	NA	Surface Transportation Block Grant	Beacon Ave Bike Lane	\$2,370,000	11/10/22
SDOT	NA	Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality	130th St Transit Corridor	\$5,480,000	11/10/22
ITD	NA	Affordable Connectivity Program - Outreach Grants	Grant will pay for a partial FTE, ACP enrollment clinics, and a small amount for marketing.	\$400,000	4/4/23

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Lead Department	Partner Departments	Grant Name	Project Description	Amount of Award	Date Awarded
OH	NA	Weatherization Assistance Program	Funding for energy efficiency improvements for low-income homeowners and apartments with low-income tenants	\$417K (first tier)	
CEN	SDOT	All Stations Accessibility Program	Renovation of SC Monorail Station	\$15,000,000	12/22/22
OPCD	SDOT	Reconnecting Communities Grant	The Reconnect South Park project is focused on a 1.5 mile stretch of highway with only one crossing point that cuts through a majority BIPOC area	\$1,600,000	2/1/23
SDOT	OSE	Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE)	Planning grant for low-pollution neighborhood transportation projects	\$1,200,000	6/28/23
SDOT	NA	Railroad Crossing Elimination	Plan for Holgate St closure, safety upgrades, or alternative crossings	\$2,000,000	6/16/23
SCL	OED	Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub	USDOE will identify 6-10 H2Hubs for a combined total of \$6-7B in federal funding	NA	

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OEM	SCL, OPCD, SDOT, Historic Seattle	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (2021)	Hazard mitigation. Applications submitted for: SCL Duwamish Substation Project Scoping; SDOT Northlake Way Retaining Wall Project; OPCD Lower Duwamish Valley Sea Level Rise Project Scoping; and Historic Seattle Good Shepherd Center Seismic Retrofit	OPCD: \$400 K; Historic Seattle \$483 K.	Pending due to FEMA funding pause
SPU		Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR)	This federal grant will support Seattle's circular wood economy by developing a new salvaged wood warehouse to process, store, organize, and distribute salvaged wood, aligning with SPU's goal to achieve zero waste	\$4,000,000	11/16/23
OSE/Parks/SDOT		Urban and Community Forestry Program	Funding for community-driven urban forestry and job training, and to enhance the Delridge Native Forest Garden	\$12,900,000	9/14/23

# Earmarks

- Earmarks are federal funding for a governmental entity or nonprofit to carry out a specific community project.
- Earmarks are requested by members of Congress.
- After a decade-long ban, earmarks were reinstated back in 2021 with new restrictions under these new names:
  - In the Senate: Congressionally Directed Spending
  - In the House: Community Project Funding

# Earmarks

Potential Earmarks for Fiscal Year 2024	
CARE Department Pilot Program (\$1.9M)	Rep. Adam Smith, Rep. Pramila Jayapal
South Park Stormwater Improvements (\$3M)	Sen. Patty Murray, Sen. Maria Cantwell
South Park Passive House Multifamily Development (\$1M)	Rep. Pramila Jayapal
University Branch Library Seismic Upgrades (\$1.3M)	Rep. Pramila Jayapal

Note: These earmarks are not final, since Congress has not yet passed the FY24 appropriations package.

# Federal Engagement in Seattle

Tours/Briefings	Department
Beacon Hill Small Business Tour	OED
CARE Pilot Program	CARE
CiviForm Briefing	IT
DESC Hobson Place	OH
Lander Street Bridge	SDOT
Recovery Place at Beacon Hill	HSD
Seattle Restored	OED
Streetcar/Cultural Connector	SDOT
University Bridge	SDOT
Unreinforced Masonry Briefing	SDCI
Waterfront	Waterfront/SDOT

# 2024 Political Landscape: Congress

- **House:** Elections for representatives of **all 435 congressional districts**, as well as 6 non-voting delegates from the District of Columbia and the inhabited U.S. territories, will take place in 2024.
  - 31 Reps. (20 Ds, 11 Rs) have announced their retirements. 13 of the 31 are retiring to run for other offices.
- **Senate: 34 of the 100 seats** in the U.S. Senate are up for election and will be contested in in 2024.
  - As of December 1, 2023, 21 Senators (14 Democrats, 6 Republicans, and 1 Independent) have announced their plans to run for re-election.

# Competitive House Races

Likely Democrat	Lean Democrat	Democrat-held toss up	Republican-held toss up	Lean Republican	Likely Republican
AL-02 Moore CA-09 Harder CA-49 Levin FL-09 Soto FL-23 Moskowitz KS-03 Davids MD-06 Open (Trone) MI-03 Scholten MI-08 Kildee MN-02 Craig NH-01 Pappas NH-02 Kuster NJ-03 Open (Kim) NV-01 Titus NV-04 Horsford OR-04 Hoyle TX-28 Cuellar VA-07 Spanberger VA-10 Open (Wexton) WA-08 Schrier	AK-At Large Peltola CA-47 Open (Porter) CT-05 Hayes IL-17 Sorensen IN-01 Mrvan ME-02 Golden NC-01 Davis NV-03 Lee NY-03 Santos NY-18 Ryan OH-01 Landsman OH-09 Kaptur OR-06 Salinas PA-17 Deluzio TX-34 Gonzalez	CO-08 Caraveo MI-07 Open (Slotkin) NC-06 Manning NC-13 Nickel NC-14 Jackson NM-02 Vasquez OH-13 Sykes PA-07 Wild PA-08 Cartwright WA-03 Perez	AZ-01 Schweikert AZ-06 Ciscomani CA-13 Duarte CA-27 Garcia CA-41 Calvert CO-03 Boebert FL-05 Rutherford LA-05 Letlow NJ-07 Kean Jr. NY-04 D'Esposito NY-17 Lawler NY-19 Molinaro NY-22 Williams OR-05 Chavez-DeRemer	CA-22 Valadao CA-45 Steel IA-03 Nunn MI-10 James NE-02 Bacon VA-02 Kiggans	CA-03 Kiley CA-40 Kim FL-13 Luna IA-01 Miller-Meeks LA-06 Graves MT-01 Zinke NY-01 LaLota PA-01 Fitzpatrick PA-10 Perry SC-01 Mace TX-15 De La Cruz WI-03 Van Orden





# Competitive Senate Races

Likely Democrat	Lean Democrat	Democrat-held toss up	Republican-held toss up	Lean Republican	Likely Republican
NJ-Menendez	MI-Open MT-Tester NV-Rosen PA-Casey WI-Baldwin	AZ-Sinema (I) OH-Brown WV-Manchin		FL-Scott TX-Cruz	IN-Open MO-Hawley MS-Wicker ND-Cramer NE-Fischer NE-Ricketts TN-Blackburn UT-Open WY-Barrasso



# Questions?

