

# Federal Response B&O Investments

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# Seattle Shield Initiative (passed by Council)

## The revenue may be used to:

1. Support the threshold lift and deduction for small businesses
2. Support the City's General Fund investments
- 3. Up to \$30 million in proceeds may be used to mitigate the impact of federal funding decisions**



# Federal Landscape



# Food Access

**Access to affordable and healthy food is essential to a healthy community.**

- Grocery prices have increased 30% over the last five years.
- Demand at food banks and meals programs is increasing.
- The Federal administration has dramatically slashed billions of dollars from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other food system programs.

The proposed budget adds critical funding to help feed hungry residents through **Fresh Bucks, Food Banks, & Meal Programs:**

1. Nearly **doubling the City's investments in Fresh Bucks** with an additional **\$6.2 million** to increase the monthly participant stipend by 50% to \$60 a month and **serving the current ~4,000 person waitlist.**





# Food Access


2. A **\$3 million** investment to support local food banks, which also includes mobile food pantries, home delivery to homebound residents, and other grocery access for individuals and families.
3. Adding **\$1 million** to support year-round prepared hot meal access for youth, seniors, people experiencing homelessness, and others in need of a nutritious meal, building on existing City investments.




# Stabilizing Housing and Shelter

The proposed budget adds critical funding to stabilize our housing sector by:

1. Investing an additional **\$4 million** of emergency rental assistance bringing the City's total investment to \$11.5 million.
2. Adding **\$9 million appropriation** in the Human Services Department for backfilling federal investments in shelter and emergency housing to help individuals remain sheltered or stably housed.

 Bloomberg.com

[Cuts to Section 8 Housing Assistance Loom Amid HUD Uncertainty](#)

 NPR

Trump budget would slash rental aid by 40% — and let states fill the gap if they want




# Supporting Immigrants and Refugees


The proposed budget includes \$4 million in funding and temporary staffing to support immigrant communities.

## This includes:

1. **\$1.85 million** to expand and launch critical programs, including workforce development for youth and English learners, legal assistance and safety services, rapid response initiatives, and immigrant access and navigation support;
2. **\$1.35 million** for new initiatives, including naturalization services, immigrant youth career pathways, integration and civic engagement programs, strengthened community navigation services, increased outreach through ethnic media, translation, and community advisory resources.
3. **\$500,000** dedicated to additional staffing, ensuring capacity to effectively manage and deliver expanded programming

 The Seattle Times

[WA sues Trump administration over canceled grant to shelter migrants](#)

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[WA programs helping legal immigrants become citizens lose federal funds](#)



# Supporting Immigrants and Refugees

4. **\$300,000** to continue to support the expansion of the **rapid response program**.

The Rapid Response program involves partnerships with trusted community organizations to provide urgent services, such as legal consultations, Know Your Rights trainings, family safety planning, and a hotline for reporting immigration enforcement activity. The program centers community needs, offering fast, confidential support to immigrants facing sudden legal threats or detention risks.





# Questions?

For full detail, see the Mayor's Proposed Budget at [seattle.gov/budget](https://seattle.gov/budget)

