

2026 City of Seattle State Legislative Agenda

The City of Seattle has identified the following priorities for the 2026 legislative session:

Federal Response

- Prohibit law enforcement and federal enforcement agencies from wearing face coverings and require that officers be clearly identifiable while performing their duties.
- Add protections and benefits for immigrant workers, including notice to employees of interactions with immigration officials and job and wage stability for detained workers.
- Mitigate losses of federal funding for essential services including food access, housing and shelter, Medicaid, and immigrant services.
- Provide state support for the Seattle–King County Public Health Clinic to ensure access to essential health services for uninsured and immigrant communities.
- Maintain funding for asylum and migrant support services.

Affordability

- Advance policies, including B&O tax exemptions, that expand equitable access to groceries and medicine.
- Maintain and strengthen state investments in Working Connections Child Care and ECEAP to ensure access to affordable, high-quality early learning opportunities.
- Support revenue options that help safeguard access to essential services.

Housing & Homelessness

- Invest in service-intensive shelter capacity for those diverted from the public safety system.
- Support operations, maintenance, services, and stabilization for a range of affordable housing options, including permanent supportive housing and workforce housing.
- Provide funding and additional flexibility for current funding tools, to address homelessness.
- Restore full funding for the state Encampment Resolution Program.

Public Safety

- Champion legislation that fosters a safer environment for everyone by giving local jurisdictions tools and funding to uphold justice, protect communities, and ensure accountability.
- Allow local jurisdictions to restrict firearms in city buildings, parks, and community centers, and require secure storage for firearms in vehicles and residences.
- Support policies that encourage diversified 911 response and allow civilian alternative response to appropriate crisis and welfare calls for service.
- Address the State Patrol's toxicology lab backlog and allow for federally accredited labs to conduct testing of blood samples in presumed DUI cases.
- Increase funding to help local governments hire more police officers and reinstate the state's coverage of the 25% local costs to send officers to the Basic Law Enforcement Academy.
- Provide funding for organizations and programs that support survivors and victims of crime.
- Improve the reasonable use of involuntary treatment by increasing system capacity and making the Involuntary Treatment Act a more effective and useful tool for first responders.
- Expand the scope of the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include fentanyl or synthetic opioids.

Capital Budget

- Provide funding for shovel-ready improvements at Red Barn Ranch to enable youth programming and regional outdoor learning access.
- Foster a strong regional green economy by securing funding for a demonstration project at Seattle Center that will help lead to a fully decarbonized eco-district.
- Authorize transfer of WSDOT's Montlake surplus property to the City for the purpose of affordable homeownership development.

Transportation

- Provide Sound Transit with expanded authority and financing options to maintain project timelines and deliver voter-approved light rail extensions.
- Fund city and county efforts to mitigate Revive I-5 construction project impacts.
- Provide local governments authority to remove vehicle obstructions from streetcar tracks to ensure reliable and efficient public transit operations.