

Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

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2020 Proposed Budget Overview
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1. Legislative & Policy Framework

Change	Detail	Effects/Outcomes
National Federal Immigration Enforcement (2017-2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11% increase in ICE arrests• 13% increase in ICE removals (deportations)	Fear and negative health and wellness impacts to immigrants across the country
Seattle Area Immigration Enforcement (2016-2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14% increase in ICE arrests• 96% increase in ICE removals	Demand for legal services exceeds capacity
DACA in jeopardy (2018)	3 district court decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new applicants• Fear to renew• Fee barrier for applicants• Employment barriers for ~16K youth without DACA in WA

Legislative & Policy Framework (cont.)

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Elimination of Temporary Protective Status (TPS) (2018)	TPS eliminated for 10 countries*	~320,000 in US could become undocumented beginning in Jan. 2020; employment barriers, need for legal services
Public Charge (2018)	Rule change to affect US entry and LPR applicants	Chilling effect: self-withdrawal; US-citizen children second-class status; undermines Seattle equity values and programs

*El Salvador, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Liberia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Nepal

Legislative & Policy Framework (cont.)

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U.S. House Bills (2019/20)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New American Dreams• Protect and DREAM Act	Bill to federally fund integration programs such as naturalization; path to citizenship for undocumented youth, TPS/DED (Deferred Enforced Departure)
Naturalization Barriers for lawful permanent residents (LPRs) (2019/20)	Interview relocation change; fee waiver change/ elimination; fee increase; Notice to Appear	Increased risk and difficulty, particularly for low-income applicants

Legislative & Policy Framework (cont.)

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Refugee Reductions (2019/20)	Federal Administration threatens to reduce refugee admittance cap to zero	Loss of capacity for 5 VOLAGs (refugee resettlement agencies), reduced population eligible for City's naturalization services
Family Separation & Indefinite Detention (2019/20)	Detention Centers, Flores Settlement	Trauma for kids, stress on community partners*
OLAP Reorganization (2019/20)	Eliminating DOJ Office of Legal Access Programs	Threat to LDN, NCP and NCC programs reliant on OLAP accredited representative staff

*Some children separated from their families at the border & unaccompanied minors transferred to facilities in Washington State, e.g. Cowlitz County Juvenile Detention Center

2. Strategic Priorities for 2020

	Priorities	Goal(s)	Outcome(s) in 2020
LOCAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative rule changes SCOTUS DACA decision 	Protect residents from unjust federal policies and decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public comment Education Support of legal strategies
STATE	Keep Washington Working Act	Ensure City readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Mayoral directive City staff trained
FEDERAL	US House immigration bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New American Dreams Protect and DREAM Act 	Support federal immigration reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorse Advocacy (City & C4A)

Strategic Priorities for 2020 (cont.)

Priority	Goal(s)	Action(s)	Outcome(s) in 2020
Engage, Collaborate, Coordinate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue public-private partnership opportunities Community engagement for Mayoral and Council priorities, Census 2020 Public charge education and communications 		Increased community awareness of new barriers and support for immigrant safety and well-being
Maintain Excellent Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountability, performance Service sector resiliency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain high-performing contracts with community providers Mitigate barriers for clients and community partners 	OIRA program models and contracts reflect increased time and services to ensure client success

3. Four-Year Budget Summary

	2017 Actual (\$000s)	2018 Actual (\$000s)	2019 Adopted (\$000s)	2020 Proposed (\$000s)
Appropriation (GF)	\$3,106	\$4,628	\$5,278	\$3,954
Change Year to Year (in \$, %)	\$657 27%	\$1,522 49%	\$650,115 14%	(\$1,323) (25%)
Appropriation (Other)	\$456	-	-	-
Change Year to Year (\$, %)	(\$86) (16%)	(\$456) (100%)	0%	0%
Employment (FTEs)	9.5	9	9.5	9.5
Change Year to Year (Count, %)	n/a	(0.5) (5%)	0.5 6%	0.5 0%