



CITY OF SEATTLE

2021 FEDERAL GOALS AND PRIORITIES

COVID CRISIS RESPONSE

- ✓ Provide direct local government funding to ensure the City can continue to provide essential services and protect residents' health and safety
- ✓ Additional economic assistance for individuals and families, regardless of citizenship status, including expanded unemployment insurance and direct payments
- ✓ Widespread distribution of vaccinations for the City's residents and workers, with funding and supplies distributed directly to cities
- ✓ Maintain expanded SNAP benefits, and expand eligibility for food assistance

EQUITABLE COVID RECOVERY AND INVESTMENTS

- ✓ Eliminate FEMA's nonfederal cost share to the City's efforts to fight the pandemic
- ✓ Investment in workforce development, including apprenticeship and retraining opportunities
- ✓ Support for small businesses with capital and technical assistance
- ✓ Robust infrastructure investment that includes housing, climate, transportation, water, energy, and broadband
- ✓ Support progressive taxation
- ✓ Address systemic racism in housing, education, and healthcare policy

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AND INCREASING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- ✓ Extend eviction moratorium and provide additional rental and mortgage assistance
- ✓ Secure additional increase in the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- ✓ Increase funding for Housing Choice Vouchers, HOME, CDBG, Homeless Assistance Grants

- ✓ Advocate for new housing policies that focus on capital costs, as well as health and supportive services, targeted towards the homeless and lowest income population
- ✓ Ensure housing as a human right, with safe and affordable housing for all

SECURING SAFE AND RELIABLE MOBILITY AND TRANSIT

- ✓ Support maximum funding for the Capital Investment Grant Program, and secure Small Starts Full-Funding Grant Agreements for critical Seattle projects, including Madison BRT
- ✓ Expedite the repair of the West Seattle Bridge, by securing federal investments and creating a new competitive bridge program
- ✓ Pursue federal competitive grant funds through the Department of Transportation, including INFRA, BUILD, ATCMD, and TOD
- ✓ Support a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill that provides funding for transit, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian projects
- ✓ Promote federal policies & programs to increase electrification of the transportation sector, including vehicle and infrastructure investments

MAINTAINING INCLUSIVE AND SAFE COMMUNITIES FOR ALL

- ✓ Support legislation to increase police accountability and transparency and invest in alternative public safety response models
- ✓ Advocate for progressive and inclusive immigration policies including DACA, comprehensive immigration reform, and repeal the Public Charge Rule
- ✓ Legalize and decriminalize cannabis, including criminal record expungement
- ✓ Support funding and legislation to address mental health and opioid addiction treatment
- ✓ Strengthen gun control and safety measures

ENSURING AFFORDABILITY FOR ALL

- ✓ Support policies focusing on increasing college affordability with goal of Free College for All
- ✓ Expand the Affordable Care Act to ensure access critical healthcare for all

- ✓ Continue funding to help low-income families cover the costs of their drinking water and wastewater utility bills, and revise the U.S. EPA's Affordability Guidance to ensure to ensure water services are affordable for all
- ✓ Challenge and reverse recent FCC Orders related to Net Neutrality, internet privacy, Lifeline program, and small cell siting in public rights-of-way

BUILDING A RESILIENT COMMUNITY

- ✓ Secure resources and expand eligibility for key disaster/mitigation programs to address seismic retrofits
- ✓ Increased funding to address wildfires and other natural disasters
- ✓ Support policies that reduce carbon pollution, create a green workforce, address environmental injustices, and mitigate sea-level rise
- ✓ Support bold and innovative policies to address climate change, including the Green New Deal

