

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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BUDGET WINS



Human Service Provider Pay

Restored wages for front-line human service providers who were going to take a pay cut before we restored the cost of living adjustment in full. These folks care for youth, people experiencing homelessness, survivors of gender-based violence, and more. We need to take care of people who provide critical city services.



Mental Health for Youth

Increased the investment in mental health resources and School-Based Health Centers to \$9.4 million in 2023 and \$9.6 million in 2024. This investment will provide \$4 million in increased access to mental health resources in the biennium for health services, care, screening, intervention and prevention efforts for students in need as requested by Seattle students after the gun violence at Ingraham High School.



Historic Affordable Housing \$\$\$

Secured a combined half-BILLION dollars over the biennium in affordable housing, including deeply affordable rental housing, supportive services, and first-time homeownership options across our city—a 400% increase in our annual affordable housing investments since 2016 thanks to JumpStart!



Food Access

Included over \$3 million across the biennium expanding food access and food security including a free, fresh produce program in the Central District, food banks, and other emergency food programs.



Expansion of Community Safety

Increased funding for the 911 Call Center positions for improved response times and created a 911 dual-dispatch program to send mental health professionals to health calls. We expanded the Regional Peacekeepers gun violence program Gender-Based Violence services, Seattle Neighborhood Group Safe Communities Program, and included a Fire Ladder and Medic Van for West Seattle and South Park to cut response times in half.



Green New Deal

Invested \$40 million in JumpStart funds over the biennium to fund climate resilience hubs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and tackle climate change with a just transition through green workforce development and fence-line community-driven strategies.



Homelessness

Included nearly \$100 million in 2023 for emergency housing, shelter and care for those experiencing homelessness, invested in human-centered outreach and Solutions Beyond Removals, and increased funding for Tiny House Villages, RV storage, vehicle outreach, and more.



Good Governance & Transparency in Budgeting

Realigned the JumpStart Seattle, Transportation Network Company and Short-Term Rental taxes to match heavily and publicly stakeholdered spending plans and investments in affordable housing, Equitable Development, economic resilience, Green New Deal and transit-oriented housing.

POLICY WINS



Cannabis Equity and Workforce Development

Sponsored cannabis social equity legislation to support BIPOC workers and businesses by supporting workforce training, promoting career pathways, technical assistance for businesses and assessing other ways to repair harms caused by the national War on Drugs and past City missteps after legalization.



Climate Planning Resolution

Sponsored a Climate Planning Resolution stating the City's intent to address climate change, improve climate resilience, and advance environmental justice as part of the major Comprehensive Plan update.



JumpStart Community Self-Determination Fund

Created a new funding stream and policies to remove barriers and support community-based organizations building affordable housing to address displacement, redress the longstanding harms of discriminatory lending practices, and advance equitable development.