



**City of Seattle**  
Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

# MAYOR JENNY A. DURKAN 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Jenny Durkan's 2020 Proposed Budget invests in our shared vision for a better future. Her budget makes responsible investments in five key priorities: Youth opportunity; public safety; homelessness; housing; and transit and transportation. The 2020 Proposed Budget is balanced, totaling approximately \$6.5 billion.

## **Supporting Young People and Working Families**

The Mayor's 2020 Proposed Budget invests in programs that expand opportunity for young people and working families. Investments include:

- Ensuring two years of free college will be available for every Seattle Public Schools high school student through the Seattle Promise College Tuition Program;
- Nearly doubling the City's Child Care Assistance Program to help 600 more families access high-quality affordable child care; and
- Investing to double the number of workshops available for young people in Choose 180's Pre-Filing Diversion Program.

## **Creating a Safer, More Just City**

True public safety means that everyone, regardless of their background, can build a better future for themselves and their loved ones. Investments include:

- Increasing the number of Seattle Police Department (SPD) officers and improve recruitment and retention of officers committed to true community policing;
- Supporting neighborhood emphasis patrols;
- Hiring a new unit of civilian Community Service Officers at SPD, and ensuring there is a mental health professional in every precinct;
- Expanding Seattle Fire Department's "Health One" program to better serve more people with non-emergency behavioral health or substance use needs; and
- Ensuring there are dedicated on-site nurses in the five highest-volume 9-1-1 call shelters and permanent supportive housing locations.

## **Addressing Our Region's Homelessness Crisis**

Mayor Durkan has partnered with King County Executive Dow Constantine to create the King County Regional Homelessness Authority. She has worked to improve the City's homelessness programs, which are moving more people from homelessness into permanent housing than ever before. Continued investments include:

- Supporting housing, including permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and diversion;
- Providing at least 2,300 emergency shelter beds, with 70% of beds serving as 24/7 enhanced shelter beds;
- Cleaning up trash, syringes, and helping people living in RVs that are public health hazards; and
- Supporting the Navigation Team and neighborhood outreach.

## **Housing Seattle Now**

As part of Mayor Durkan's "Housing Seattle Now" plan to address Seattle's housing crisis, the Mayor's budget proposes a surge of new investments in housing for low- and middle-income families. Investments include:

- Leveraging the Seattle Housing Levy for affordable housing and homeownership opportunities;
- Investing \$78 million from the sale of underutilized City properties at Mercer Street to build more permanently affordable housing throughout the city, and combat displacement; and
- Taking advantage of a new state law to invest another \$25 million to build more housing for working families.

## **Investing in Seattle's Transit and Transportation System**

Everyone, regardless of income or ability level, needs access to high-quality, affordable transit. The Mayor's 2020 Proposed Budget makes important investments to ensure we keep transit moving, manage traffic, and achieve our climate goals. Investments include:

- Ensuring \$16.7 million of the proceeds from the sale of the Mercer Street properties go toward Vision Zero transportation projects including bike lanes;
- Using Seattle Transportation Benefit District funds to buy another 25,000 hours of bus service;
- Investing \$4 million more in first-last mile connections to transit; and
- Building nearly 90 new blocks of red bus-only lanes across the city.

## **A "Fare Share" for Uber and Lyft Drivers While Investing in Housing near Transit and Transportation Projects**

Mayor Durkan's 2020 Proposed Budget includes new revenue from her "Fare Share" plan to invest in workers, transit, and affordable housing near transit. The Mayor's Fare Share plan will:

- Mandate Seattle's minimum wage, plus benefits and expenses, for Uber and Lyft drivers, beginning July 1, 2020;
- Invest in landmark worker protections, including a first-in-the-nation Driver Resolution Center;
- Invest in transit and fully fund the Center City Connector streetcar; and
- Support more than 500 new affordable homes near transit for people earning between \$15 and \$25 per hour.