

General government

Department of Commerce

Statewide Broadband Office

Create a Statewide Broadband Office to serve as the central planning and coordinating body for public and private efforts to deploy broadband. The office will promote economic vitality and meet the needs of the state's education, health care and public safety systems through greater broadband access. It will act as an information clearinghouse and set high-level statewide broadband policy to spur private investment and build local capacity. (\$1.2 million General Fund-State)

Meanwhile, the governor's capital budget includes \$25 million for a competitive broadband grant and loan program to be administered by the Public Works Board. For more information, see Capital Budget section.

Legal representation and referral services

Serve more clients by directing additional resources to organizations that provide legal representation and referral services to indigent persons needing help with matters related to their immigration status. (\$700,000 GF-S)

Office of the Attorney General

Increasing civil rights enforcement

Increase capacity for outreach, investigations and litigation to protect the constitutional and civil rights of Washingtonians. (\$1.8 million GF-S)

Increasing assistant attorneys general salaries

Increase salaries of assistant attorneys general, which remain significantly lower than those in other public law offices. Funding will meet market rates and allow for periodic increments similar to those of public sector peers. (\$1.5 million GF-S; \$14 million total funds)

Medicaid fraud protection

Meet the state match for an increase approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services to better protect the Medicaid program and Washington's most vulnerable citizens. In the past year, the number of Medicaid fraud investigations dramatically increased in number, complexity, nature and scope. (\$5.6 million total funds)

State Auditor's Office

Increase cybersecurity audits

Conduct cybersecurity audits for state agencies and local governments. These audits help to assess security controls and identify weaknesses in security systems. (\$2.8 million Performance Audits of Government Account)

Department of Enterprise Services

Cyber insurance for small agencies

Purchase cyber incident insurance for 43 small and medium-sized agencies now without insurance to mitigate the impact of potential cyber risks. (\$200,000 GF-S)

Learning Management System upgrade

Upgrade the LMS platform to create a more streamlined and user-friendly interface. The system was made to support 1,500 employees; 60,000 are using it, which slows the system and makes signing up for training more burdensome. (\$2.5 million Enterprise Services Account)

Military Department

Expand hazard alert broadcast sirens

Procure and install 16 all-hazard alert broadcast sirens to increase inundation zone coverage. Today there are 68 sirens along the Pacific Coast to alert people that a tsunami is expected and they should go to high ground. (\$928,000 GF-S)

Install additional seismic monitoring stations

Procure and install 83 seismic monitoring stations and global navigation satellite systems that integrate with the early warning system known as ShakeAlert. An education and public outreach program is also funded. (\$5.2 million GF-S)

Assist schools' ability to prepare for natural disasters

Collaborate with schools and school districts statewide in the development, planning and exercise of catastrophic preparedness and emergency response plans. Initial work will be prioritized according to the risk level of known natural and other hazards. (\$1 million GF-S)

Continue to create a resilient 911 system

Finish the transition and operate the new 911 network, which will be more resilient and provide advanced capabilities, including text to 911, better location accuracy, and ability to transmit data and video. (\$10 million 911 Account-State)

Provide National Guard wildfire pay increase

Align state active duty wages for service members with firefighter certifications in wildfire suppression activities to those of their peers and align the hourly wage floor to the state minimum wage from 1.5 times the federal minimum wage for all other activities. (\$750,000 GF-S)

Consolidated Technology Services (WaTech)

Small agency desktop and IT support
Provide 14 small agencies with desktop and IT support, including server assistance, security and consultation on IT security policy and agency applications inventory. (\$4 million Consolidated Technology Services Revolving Account-State)

Computer Emergency Readiness Team

Meet demand and resolve a workload backlog on independent third-party cybersecurity risk assessments of state agency systems and applications to identify vulnerabilities, opportunities for system hardening and issues. CERT is the state's central cyber defense, incident response and security operations center. (\$1 million Consolidated Technology Services Revolving Account)

IT project oversight

Add four positions at the Office of the Chief Information Officer to align procurement oversight capabilities of major IT projects to the workload, improve technical/architecture review and address gaps in statutory functions and state policy. Larger, more complex projects require more time for oversight than the agency is able to support. (\$1.4 million Consolidated Technology Services Revolving Account-State)

Cloud strategy

Assess statewide cloud readiness and develop a cloud migration strategy for state agencies. (\$750,000 Consolidated Technology Services Revolving Account-State)

Secretary of State

Increase funding for the Address Confidentiality Program

Broaden access to ACP services by increasing the number of certified advocates statewide, strengthening interagency collaboration, solving critical issues that may deny program access or proper address use and strengthening the security of its case management system. ACP provides a legal substitute address for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking or stalking, serving 4,600 clients, more than half of whom are children. (\$700,000 GF-S)

Provide prepaid postage on all election ballots

Reimburse counties for the cost of return postage on mail and absentee ballots for all elections, improving access to voting for Washington citizens. (\$4.8 million GF-S)

Enhance TVW access

Outfit the Natural Resources Building, Room 172; the Department of Transportation's Nisqually Conference Room; and the new Utilities and Transportation Commission facility in Lacey with camera equipment. This will allow TVW to more effectively provide televised access of public meetings, including Fish and Wildlife Commission, Transportation Commission and Utilities and Transportation Commission meetings. (\$750,000 GF-S)

Lieutenant Governor

Education program administrators

Expand the Complete Washington, Washington World Fellows, Legislative Youth Advisory and Youth Sports Mentoring programs. (\$319,000 GF-S)

Liquor and Cannabis Board

Continue modernizing regulatory system

Continue replacement of the outdated regulatory system to increase efficiency of operations and reduce risks associated with the current manual, paper-based licensing enforcement and fee collection process. (\$8.7 million Liquor Account-State)

Enhance cannabis enforcement and licensing efforts

Boost cannabis enforcement and licensing activities to meet the growth in the number of cannabis licensees. (\$3 million Dedicated Marijuana Account-State)

Eastern Washington Historical Society

Provide mission critical staffing

Continue funding six staff members whose salaries are paid through the agency's local funds. (\$842,000 GF-S)

Replace legacy system and connect to state data center

Purchase an off-the-shelf museum collections database solution and connect it to the state network so the museum can use WaTech's cloud services. The historical society's legacy software system is nearing end-of-life and has been plagued with problems that will not be supported by the software vendor. (\$389,000 GF-S)

Arts Commission

Enhance Folk Arts job stimulation program

Provide work and in-depth training, especially in rural and underserved parts of Washington, for this program that pairs master practitioners with apprentices who want to improve their skills and achieve mastery of one or more folk and heritage traditions. (\$350,000 GF-S)

Enhance care of state-owned public art

Add two staff to maintain and repair artwork in communities around Washington, ensuring that artworks are stored safely and in working condition. A current backlog of more than 1,900 unmet needs, from simple reframing to multi-month, complex repairs, needs to be resolved. (\$330,000 GF-S)

Washington State Historical Society

Enhance access to collections

Increase staffing for collections management, with an emphasis on digitization, cataloguing and online access. The historical society holds in trust approximately 83,000 artifacts, 600,000 photographs and more than 8 million documents. (\$366,000 GF-S)

Governor puts forward multipronged strategy for combating homelessness

In communities across Washington, the number of homeless individuals has grown steadily since 2013. Gov. Inslee's 2019–21 state operating and capital budgets provide \$262 million for combating homelessness. His multipronged approach is centered on three overarching goals:

- Building more affordable housing and preserving affordable units.
- Providing housing assistance to vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.
- Easing the trend of growing homelessness.

Build more affordable housing and preserve affordable units (\$165 million)

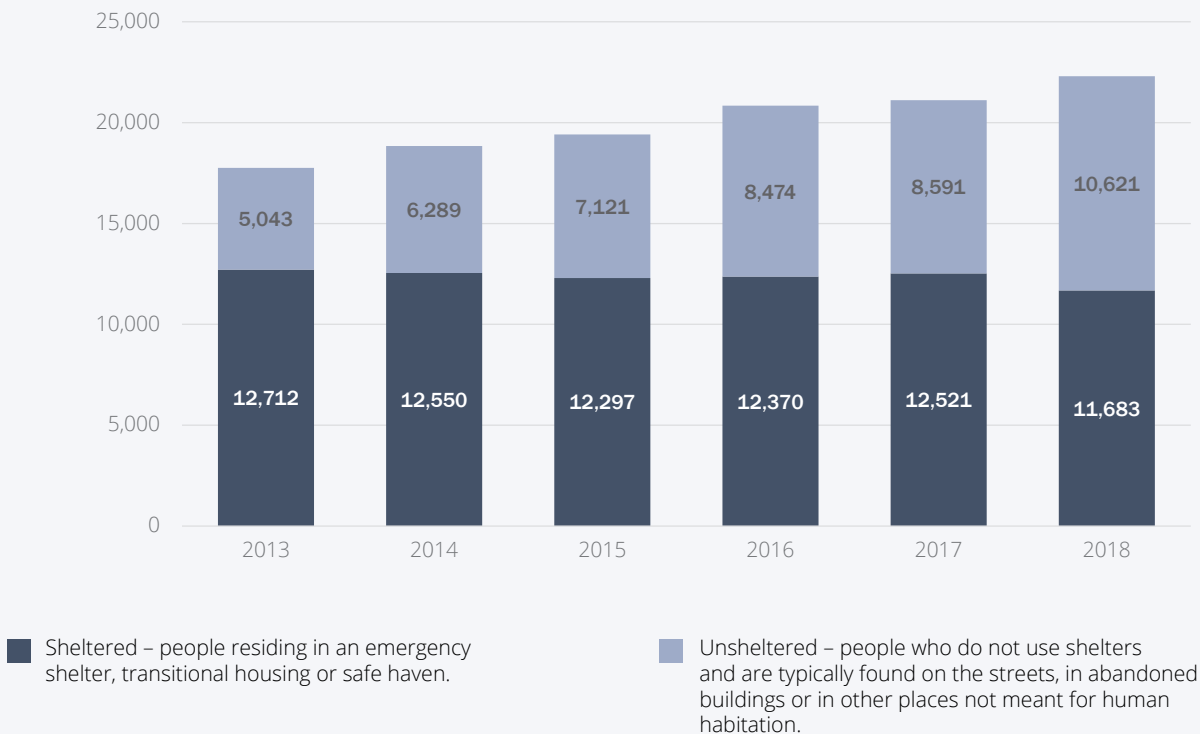
Housing Trust Fund (\$140 million bonds)

Affordability and availability of housing are the leading drivers of the rise of homelessness. Throughout the state, Washingtonians living at or below 80 percent of the area median income lack safe, affordable housing. The current supply of low-income housing units isn't sufficient to house low-income and vulnerable individuals and families.

The governor's budget includes \$110 million to build approximately 2,500 affordable and innovative housing units. These will serve a broad spectrum of vulnerable

Homelessness is on the rise

Point-in-time count — homeless individuals — 2013–present



Combating homelessness

populations, including individuals with chronic mental illness who need supportive housing and case management services, homeless families, youth and individuals, veterans, farmworkers, seniors and individuals with special needs.

His budget also includes \$10 million to preserve approximately 670 aging, affordable housing units to continue to serve low-income and vulnerable individuals and families.

Reducing the carbon footprint is a major priority for the governor and the state. Providing affordable housing with low- or no energy cost not only meets these goals, but also provides low-income tenants with sustainable and cost-effective housing. The governor's investment of \$10 million will create approximately 156 units of net-zero affordable housing. This will incentivize affordable housing developers to continue development of energy-efficient housing for low-income Washingtonians.

Buildable lands and housing affordability (\$20 million bonds)

The lack of sufficient safe and affordable housing results from not only traditional barriers to housing such as untreated behavioral health conditions, substance abuse disorders, domestic violence and poverty, but also due to insufficient siting and construction of new affordable housing, a multi-year trend. The governor's budget includes \$10 million to expand buildable land footprints by cleaning up hazardous sites that are assessed and ranked as mid- to lowest level of concern and \$10 million for grants to local governments to reduce the costs of developing affordable housing. This will incentivize housing developers to continue to develop affordable housing for low-income Washingtonians.

Rural Rehabilitation Loan Program (\$5 million bonds)

Substandard housing has a negative impact on many, including residents of rural communities in Washington. Many people, including seniors and disabled persons living in poverty, have equity in their homes but lack the financial resources to borrow against them to keep up with maintenance. The governor's investment of \$5 million ensures a

continuum of rural home rehabilitation. This cost-effective alternative to building new housing stabilizes housing for people at risk of losing their homes or who live in deteriorating, unsafe homes.

Provide housing assistance to vulnerable people experiencing homelessness

Reduce family homelessness (\$38.5 million General Fund-State)

While the 2018 point-in-time count of homeless households in Washington found that 273 families with children are living outside or in locations unfit for human habitation, approximately four times this number of families flow in and out of homelessness during the course of a year. The governor's budget includes \$38.5 million for a mix of permanent supportive housing and temporary rent assistance for more than 1,000 families.

Reduce chronic homelessness for individuals with a disability (\$34.3 million GF-S)

The vast majority of people living in the outdoors are single adults or households without children. About 3,000 people are chronically homeless, meaning they have been homeless for a long period of time and have a federally recognized disability. The governor's budget aims to alleviate the trauma for many of these chronically homeless individuals living with a disability.

Washington has received federal approval to use Medicaid funding to provide supportive services to stably house the highest-need chronically homeless people through a new Foundational Community Supports program. Research shows that providing this population with housing and supportive services cuts Medicaid costs. But because Medicaid does not pay rent, most of the people eligible to receive these services remain homeless. The sum of \$34.3 million is provided in the governor's budget for permanent supportive housing services to bring 1,000 vulnerable people inside by leveraging the benefits offered through the Medicaid Foundational Community Supports program.

Combating homelessness

Additionally, the governor's budget will continue nearly \$4 million in funding for permanent supportive housing for people with a history of mental illness. A behavioral health facilities siting navigator in the Department of Commerce will coordinate development of effective behavioral health housing options statewide to help individuals who are discharged from the state psychiatric hospitals find housing.

Reduce youth and young adult homelessness (\$8 million GF-S)

More than 13,000 young people ages 12 to 24 are experiencing homelessness, yet half of Washington's counties have no shelter beds or housing options for them. The governor's budget includes \$8 million to expand housing services to youth via two approaches: expanding shelter beds, outreach and housing to unserved areas of the state and leveraging the Anchor Community Initiative. The initiative will provide a blueprint for ending homelessness for youth in four pilot communities: Pierce County, Spokane, Walla Walla and Yakima. The governor's investment ensures that a continuum of interventions — including prevention, crisis response and long-term housing — are in place to successfully implement the goal of ending homelessness in these pilot communities by 2022, thereby creating a model for communities across Washington.

Ease the trend of growing homelessness

Reduce homelessness (\$12 million GF-S)

The Consolidated Homeless Grant Program supports communities by delivering resources to help people obtain and maintain housing. The governor's budget includes \$12 million to increase funding to this program to reduce the number of people living outside through a mix of interventions such as permanent supportive housing, short-term rent assistance and emergency shelter.

Help local governments plan for more affordable housing (\$4.3 million GF-S)

Finally, the governor's budget includes \$4.3 million to enable the seven "buildable lands" counties (Whatcom, Snohomish, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Thurston and Clark), the cities within them and regional planning organizations to conduct buildable lands analyses that, among other things, will address the ways zoning and land use regulations are promoting or hindering attainment of affordable housing goals.