



City of Tacoma

General Government

2025 Federal Legislative Priorities

Infrastructure: The City supports federal investment in infrastructure modernization to build safe, sustainable, and interconnected networks for a 21st-century economy. We are specifically requesting federal support for two critical projects: completing Phase II of the Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge replacement, a vital corridor for freight mobility, emergency response, and access to the Port of Tacoma, Tacoma, Fife, and the Puyallup Tribe; and funding the construction of the Portland Avenue Freight Access Improvement project, a key freight and auto corridor in the City's Transportation Master Plan.

Affordable Housing: The City has prioritized focusing on addressing housing and homelessness issues within the City and recognizes that affordable and diverse housing types are the long-term solution to the homelessness crisis. The City is advocating for robust federal funding streams directed to the local level, ensuring the long-term viability and expansion of successful programs and financing tools like Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, housing vouchers, Community Development Block Grants, and the HOME program. Tacoma has a proven track record of effectively utilizing these resources and will continue to rely on them to expand the availability of affordable housing.

Community Safety: The City prioritizes community safety including reducing the number of crimes occurring and increasing effectiveness of our response. The City utilizes successful models like behavioral health co-responders and Community Service Officers to increase the effectiveness of response to calls such as those involving mental health crises and non-violent incidents. Tacoma is seeking federal support for community safety through investments in alternative response programs and first responder equipment. We support robust federal support for the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants program to help fund these positions, as well as expanded DOJ funding eligibility to include non-commissioned officers. Recognizing increased fire/EMS demands of our community, we will advocate for increased funding to programs like Assistance to Firefighters Grant and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant programs for needed equipment and facility modernization, ensuring fire departments can effectively serve and protect all community members.

Supporting Human Rights and Dignity: The City of Tacoma has expressed commitment to supporting and valuing all individuals in our community, and we are committed to upholding the rights of all Tacomans while fostering trust within our community. This commitment is central to all City operations, from participatory budgeting to neighborhood planning. We will continue work with our State and Federal partners to continue this support for all members of our community.