



City of Olympia

2026

Legislative Priorities

Housing, Homelessness & Infrastructure

Expanding attainable housing and strengthening homelessness response and support services are ongoing priorities that require sustained operational and capital investment.

- Protect operational funding for transitional housing projects, including Franz Anderson, Maple Court, Sandy's Flats, and Quince Street Village.
- Identify alternatives to current eviction processes, recognizing that individuals exiting certain housing (such as tiny homes and Maple Court) can often face barriers to securing new housing.
- Remove the 33% cap on the portion of the Home Fund that can be used for operational costs, allowing greater flexibility beyond capital expenditures.

Deschutes Estuary Project

Olympia supports a \$7.2 million budget request from the Governor's Office and the Department of Ecology to complete full design of the Deschutes Estuary project by the end of fiscal year 2027.

Revenue

The City is asking the legislature to protect existing funding resources and preserve local fiscal tools.

Protect current state funding for cities, including:

- Encampment Resolution Program
- Public Works Board
- The Washington State Housing Trust Fund
- Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)
- Climate Commitment Act (CCA)
- Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)
- Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)
- Main Streets Program

Provide cities greater councilmanic authority on revenues:

- Raise the 1% cap on annual property tax growth.

Policy Extensions

Olympia seeks more time to assess existing policies and programs for potential future use:

- Extend the Annexation Sales Tax Diversion Program beyond its 2028 expiration.
- Extend the authority to form a second Public Facilities District.

As the Capital City, Olympia envisions a diverse and inclusive community, providing equitable access to housing, mobility, food, services, education, and meaningful work. Olympia believes it is critical to restore, protect, and enhance the natural environment that surrounds us and create a walkable, accessible, vibrant city through its legislative priorities.

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