



## **City of Yakima 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities**

### **Actively Pursue**

- **Funding for loss of local government revenues as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic**
- **Efforts to address homelessness and to reduce barriers to affordable housing and human services programs locally, regionally, and nationally**
- **Regulatory and legislative advocacy to preserve community access to health care services**
- **Yakima Basin Integrated Plan funding requests**
- **Funding from available federal sources to assist the Yakima Police Department in replacing its aging radio system and assist the Yakima Fire Department in replacing aging equipment and rolling stock**
- **Increased funding for Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention ("OJJDP") and other federal programs designed to combat gang crime and violence**
- **Comprehensive immigration reform, including passage of the Bar Removal of Individuals Who Dream of Growing Our Economy ("BRIDGE") Act, Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors ("DREAM") Act, or similar legislation**
- **Development of adequate, predictable, and sustainable funding for airport capital projects and airport economic development projects**

### **Support**

- **Ongoing funding assistance provided to local public safety entities through programs such as Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS"), Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response ("SAFER"), the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program ("AFG") and Local Law Enforcement Block Grants ("LLEBG"), which are consistently utilized by the City**
- **Funding from the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act ("TIFIA") program, the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development ("BUILD") program, and other available federal sources for critical local transportation projects such as development of streets serving the Mill Site project, the North 1<sup>st</sup> Street Revitalization Project, and the Yakima East-West Corridor project**
- **Legislation to improve broadband accessibility in rural communities**
- **Continued funding of the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program at current or increased levels. Enhance flexibility for use of funds in the CDBG program.**
- **Development of pilot youth development programs (with accompanying funding)**