



**City of Yakima
2022
State Legislative Priorities**

Actively Pursue

- Regulatory and legislative advocacy to preserve community access to health care services
- Development of a comprehensive transportation funding package that includes additional resources for cities
- Increased state funding in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, funds for affordable housing, and funds to reduce homelessness
- Legislation and state funding designed to address the high rate of domestic violence present in Washington State
- Increased state funding to support local gang prevention, intervention, and suppression programs
- Support additional funding for mental health response assistance to local governments, including continued funding of the Trueblood grants
- Continued support of local governments and business in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Funding for future construction of an outdoor pool at MLK, Jr. Park
- Economic development grants and investments in historically disadvantaged communities

Support

- Efforts by Yakima MOBIC, LLC to secure a "Certificate of Need" from the Washington State Department of Health to allow for surgical procedures to be performed at the former Astria Regional Medical Center facility, now owned by Yakima MOBIC LLC
- Replacing the one percent property tax revenue increase limit with a limit tied to cost drivers
- Legislation allocating one percent (1%) of the airport fuel tax imposed by RCW 82.12.020 to the aeronautics account to be used for airport capital projects
- Efforts to clarify and/or modify police reform legislation adopted during the 2021 state legislative session
- Enhancing distribution of marijuana excise tax revenue to local governments
- Modification of authorized outlets for publishing office local government notices

Monitor

- Amendments to the WSDOT budget in order to ensure completion of committed projects in the Connecting Washington transportation package
- Legislation providing greater flexibility in the use of public funds for economic development purposes
- Cuts to intergovernmental shared revenue

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