



**City of Yakima
2022
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
- Ensure the Connecting Washington WSDOT I-82/Yakima to Union Gap – Corridor Improvements Project includes approval by the Federal Highway Administration of new Interstate 82 on and off ramps, which are key elements of the Yakima County East-West Corridor Project and the City's Bravo Company Boulevard project
- Yakima Basin Integrated Plan funding requests, including funding requests for completion of the Nelson Dam Removal and Replacement Project
- 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
- Grant programs to support the expansion of domestic water and sewer systems to underserved, low-income neighborhoods
- Allocation of additional HUD housing vouchers to the Yakima Housing Authority
- 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.
- Passage of the Breaking the Chain of Violence Act