



**City of Yakima
2024
State Legislative Priorities**

Actively Pursue

- Funding to support the expansion of domestic water and sewer systems to underserved, low-income neighborhoods in Yakima
- Regulatory and legislative advocacy to preserve community access to health care services, including additional funding for mental health response assistance to local governments and mental health providers
- Legislation and state funding designed to reduce the high rate of domestic violence present in Washington State through enforcement, additional housing, and other support for victims
- Funding for continued development of public infrastructure at the former mill site property
- Funding for Phase 2 of the Nelson Diversion project
- Increased state funding in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, funds for affordable housing, and funds to reduce homelessness including additional funding rounds for CHIP grants

Support

- Replacing the one percent property tax revenue increase limit to tie it to inflation and population growth factors
- Cuts to intergovernmental shared revenue
- Efforts to expand the ability and flexibility of cities to use Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds for additional capital needs, including maintenance and operation, and to support affordable housing
- Efforts to reduce the impact of abusive public records requests and litigation
- Legislation restricting the conversion of hotels located near event venues to housing

Monitor

- Legislation providing greater flexibility in the use of public funds for economic development purposes
- Efforts to reduce abuse related to Labor and Industries claims
- Modification of authorized outlets for publishing official local government notices