

Budget Fact Sheet – Access to Opportunity

At the center of Mayor Harrell's One Seattle vision is a belief that by working together we can inspire the best in one another. After more than two years of pandemic uncertainty, Seattleites deserve every opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential — whether that means access to a good job, education, support for their business, or City services and resources. Through thoughtful investments and meaningful partnerships, the City can marshal resources to unlock and expand opportunities for every neighbor and revitalize our economy from Downtown to neighborhood business districts across Seattle.

This proposed budget includes the City's Unified Care Team, which coordinates staff and resources from across departments to ensure access to clean and safe parks, rights of way, and other public spaces. This includes a renewed focus on community partnerships through a new geographic-based teams approach, funds to clean our neighborhoods, and a commitment to continue this work until the job is done.

Quality Jobs, Vibrant Neighborhoods, & Growing Small Businesses

| COST | INVESTMENT AREA |
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| \$7M | Commercial Affordability program to develop local strategies to address challenges of long-term affordability for small businesses. |
| \$3M | Support small businesses with access to low-cost, long-term financing, technical assistance, and the Seattle Export Accelerator which helps achieve real revenue growth and job creation. |
| \$3M | Help the neighborhoods and Seattleites most impacted by the pandemic – with the new Seattle Jobs Center connecting residents to jobs and investments in our Downtown and neighborhood recovery supporting employment growth. |
| \$900K | Expand Seattle Conservation Corps in Parks to a total of 60 slots in the job training program for homeless adults. |

Child Care & Education

COST INVESTMENT AREA

| \$5M | Construction of the UW Rainier Valley Early Learning Campus that will house child care for infants and toddlers and Seattle Preschool Program classrooms for three-and four-year-olds, plus other programming for youth and young adults. |
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| \$5.3M | One-time hiring and retention bonuses for child care workers using payroll tax revenues, supporting \$500-\$1000 to each of the approximately 4,600 childcare staff in Seattle – who collectively serve over 20,000 children in the City. |
| \$2M | Maintain investments in educational equity for Seattle Promise, the city's college tuition and support program. |
| \$2.3M | K-12 investments supporting an expansion of culturally specific and responsive programming that target BIPOC and other underrepresented youth. |