



Budget Fact Sheet – Sustaining Critical Services

Mayor Harrell’s 2024 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustment continue to make investments in the essential services that residents demand – from fixing potholes to ensuring roads are cleared of snow following winter storm events. The expiration of one-time federal funding in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and generation-high inflation rates requires intentional investments so that key services are not disrupted.

Mayor Harrell remains committed to a regional solution to the problem of homelessness, and to that end, the proposed budget invests \$162 million in homelessness response City-wide and continues the City’s investments in the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) as it enters its third full year of operations.

Budget investments in transportation continue with a focus on safety and equity, getting people where they need to go around the city with comfort, ease, and security. We will lead with a Vision Zero agenda, maintain critical infrastructure, and create a transportation system that works for every neighbor – no matter how they choose to get around.

Housing

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$334M	Affordable housing investments in 2024, representing a 32% increase from adopted budget
\$850K	Seattle Social Housing Public Development Authority start-up costs for first 12 months as approved by Seattle voters in Initiative I-135

City Homelessness Programs & Services

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$162M	Homelessness services citywide INCLUDES: \$119M allocated to Human Services Department for homeless outreach, shelter, services, and administration.
\$1.9M	Additional year of funding to We Deliver Care providing outreach as part of the Third Avenue Project in support of the Downtown Activation Plan

Safe and Reliable Transportation

COST	INVESTMENT AREA
\$2M	Prepare to respond to worsening storms and other transportation-disrupting events with an expanded emergency response budget.
\$1.5M	Support for pothole repair to ensure safe passage for City and County services and commercial and private transport
\$1M	Right-of-way investments for the Downtown Activation Plan including support for restaurant load zones, weekend and evening street or alleyway for events and programming, wayfinding kiosks, and public safety improvements.
\$800K	Expand bridge maintenance and add three additional SDOT positions to support bridge maintenance