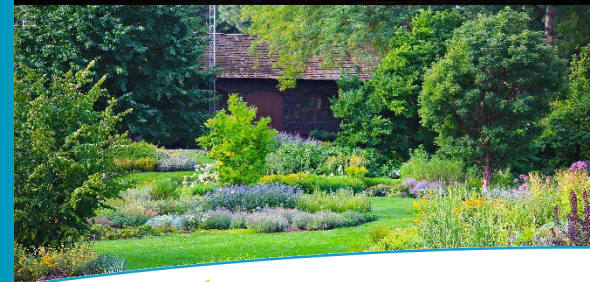
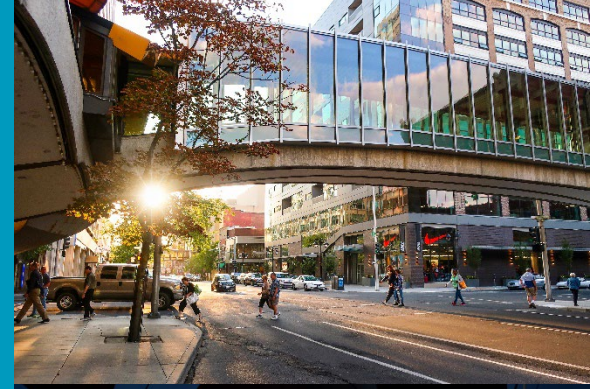




Public Safety Funding Program

Finance Committee
September 22, 2026



HB 2015 Background

- Passed legislature in 2025 with bipartisan support
- Priority bill of the Association of Washington Cities & on City's 2025 State Legislative Agenda
- To qualify for funding, a law enforcement agency must meet specific policy, training, and data reporting standards verified by the Criminal Justice Training Commission. **SPD meets these standards**

Public Safety Funding Program

HB 2015 - AWC Overview

HB 2015: Two new funding mechanisms

The grant

- CJTC-administered
- \$100 million program
- Expires June 2028
- Can use for hiring/training new officers & co-responders
- 75% of salary covered
- 25% local match required
- Max. \$125k funding, per position
- Policy & training requirements to attain a grant
- Need to levy or receive one of three available public safety or criminal justice sales taxes first

Separate, but linked

You must *qualify*
for the grant to
take the sales tax

You must receive
or levy a public
safety sales tax to
get the grant

The sales tax

- Councilmanic through June 2028
- 0.1% tax on sales & use
- Permanent
- Broad use for public safety
- Stackable with other taxes & jurisdictions
- Need to meet the same requirements as the grant
- Do not need to apply for or receive the grant, just qualify for it

Jurisdictions that have already implemented the Public Safety Funding Program Sales & Use Tax

Auburn	Battle Ground	Bellingham	Burien	Burlington	Clark County	Des Moines
Duvall	East Wenatchee	Edmonds	Federal Way	Issaquah	Jefferson County	Kalama
Kent	King County	Lakewood	Lynden	Lynnwood	Olympia	Pierce County
Pullman	Renton	Ridgefield	SeaTac	Seattle	Skagit County	Tacoma
Thurston County	Toppenish	Tukwila	Vancouver	Wenatchee	Whitman County	

Most recent jurisdictions

Port Angeles
(approved)

Kitsap County
(pending)

Spokane
County
(pending)



Public Safety Funding Program Grant Information

\$100M Statewide grant program to support local and tribal law enforcement seeking to hire, retain, train personnel.

- Eligible proposals include but are not limited to:
 - New officers, co-response teams, peers, behavioral health professionals, CIT, etc.
- Process
 - Eligibility
 - Application
- SPD requested 4.47M
- SPD awarded 3.4M

Public Safety Funding Program Grant Priorities

- A significant share of Spokane's calls for service involves behavioral health, substance use, and social service needs:
 - Consume substantial patrol time and resources
 - Often require treatment interventions rather than enforcement
 - Frequently results in repeated contact
- Appropriate investments in these calls for service has the effect of adding additional law enforcement officers by freeing up capacity to respond to high priority criminal activity.

Public Safety Funding Program Grant Investments

- Three Primary Investments to ensure the right response at the right time.
 - Peer Partnerships --> co-deployed Peer response providing rapid field response and case management
 - Contract with Peer Washington
 - Clinicians in 911 (2 FTE) --> Deescalation, navigation, appropriate dispatch
 - Supplements federal earmark
 - Data and Analytics Capacity --> real-time triage and proactive intervention
 - Data Engineer + Analyst

Public Safety Funding Program Sales Tax Investments

1. Community Safety Campus
2. Mental Health Clinicians in 911
3. Crisis Response Expansion
4. Emergency Management



Together, these investments will reduce lease costs, unnecessary jail stays, repeated emergency contacts and other downstream costs.