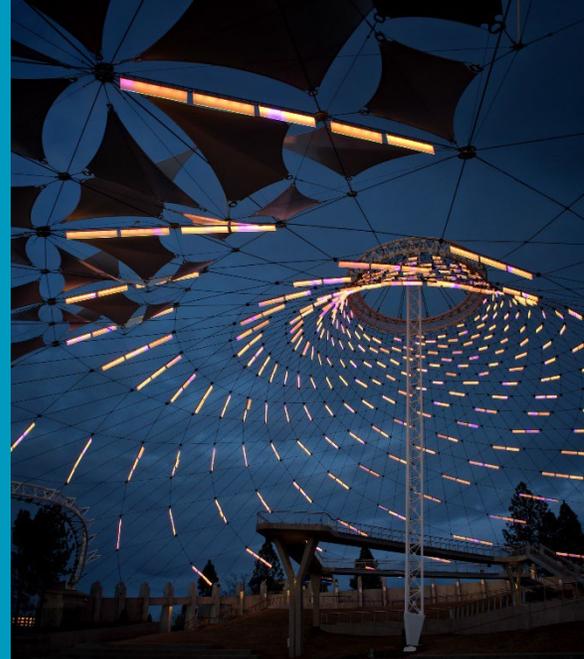




# Community Safety Funding Opportunities

Public Safety Committee  
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# Alternative Response Earmark

- Receiving \$1.25 million over two-years
- Supported by Senator Murray and Senator Cantwell
- Expanding civilian-led response teams & 911 de-escalation



## HB 2015 Background

- Passed legislature in 2025 with bipartisan support from our local legislators
- Priority bill of the Association of Washington Cities
- To qualify for funding, a law enforcement agency must meet specific policy, training, and data reporting standards verified by the Criminal Justice Training Commission (i.e., Keep Washington Working, Use of Force Policy)

# Public Safety Funding Program HB 2015 - AWC Overview

## HB 2015: Two new funding mechanisms

Separate, but linked

### 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

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



# Public Safety Funding Program HB 2015 - Grant (CJTC Overview)

## Grant funding may be used to:

- Support co-response teams, including peer counselors and behavioral health professionals
- Cover required training, including crisis intervention and trauma-informed practices
- Support community outreach and broader public safety response efforts
- Hire new entry-level law enforcement officers

“Activities that substantially assist the criminal justice system, which may include circumstances where ancillary benefit to the civil justice and behavioral health systems occurs.

## 0.1% revenues used for criminal justice purposes

Examples used in the RCW include:  
domestic violence services;  
diversion programs;  
public defender staffing;  
alternative response; and  
mental health crisis response



# Jurisdictions that have passed the Public Safety Enhancement Sales & Use Tax

Algona	Battle Ground	Bellingham	Black Diamond	Burlington	Clark County
Des Moines	Duvall	East Wenatchee	Edmonds	Elma	Issaquah
Jefferson County	Kalama	Kent	King County	Lynden	Lynwood
Renton	Ridgefield	SeaTac	Seattle	Skagit County	Tacoma
	Toppenish	Tukwila	Wenatchee		