

## City of Spokane 2018 Budget Priorities

### 1. Strategic Initiative: Safe, Healthy & Compassionate Community

*Goal: To create a compassionate community for the well-being of our citizens so that all people can feel safe, empowered, and welcome*

Continue funding at 2017 levels:

- Spokane County Regional Criminal Justice Commission.
- C.O.P.S. program
- Office of Police Ombudsman (OPO) and training budget for OPO and Police Ombudsman Commission.

Increase operating funds:

- Use the results of the Spokane Police Department salary survey to develop a 3-5 year plan to add more commissioned officers and crime technicians to address property crime prevention, response, traffic control, etc.
- Expand Community Court to a new Spokane neighborhood
- Increase budget for Streets Dept. employees and contracts for improved snow removal and pothole repair
- Direct \$250,000+ in solid waste funds to clean up gateways, under I-90, neighborhood alley and yard clean ups.
- Direct solid waste funds to grade alleys used by City vehicles.
- Partner with other cities, Spokane County to keep the 24/7 housing shelter available for all populations in need.
- Increase Human Services Funding by \$250,000 to get to 1% of General Fund
- Increase funding for Human Rights/Civil Rights (through staffing, contracts, etc.) to ensure greater oversight, enforcement and mediation of issues.
- Increase diversity of city employees by increasing Civil Service marketing budget and funding an additional civil service analyst (\$200,000)

One-Time Strategic Investments

- Invest \$100,000 in developing and implementing pilot program to address low-level crime check calls in different ways (311, Code Enforcement, CARES).
- Analyze the areas near walking schools in most need of safety investments. Use baseline info to inform and prioritize future spending of school zone and Photo Red dollars.

## **2. Strategic Initiative: Developing Spokane's Urban Advantage**

*To highlight and enhance the assets that contribute to the unique character and culture of the City and its surrounding resources.*

Continue funding at 2017 levels

- Library operations
- Utility Installation Fund for Downtown and adjoining corridors (\$250,000)
- Ongoing administrative support for the Northeast PDA, U District PDA, and Airport PDA

One-Time Strategic Investments

- Develop City marketing materials/strategy that highlight our urban advantage (\$200,000)
- \$250,000 seed money for rehabilitation of Riverfront Park Bridges in order to get matching State dollars
- \$150,000 in sub-area planning investments for Shadle, Northtown, or other key centers (contract services)
- Learn from pilot foreclosure revitalization program in Bemiss and double the 2017 investment, partnering with lenders, non-profits and local builders.
- Finish analysis of downtown sidewalk network deficiencies, including sidewalk vaults, and determine priorities for reinvestment.

Increase operation funds:

- Add one part-time staff person in Historic Preservation office to assist in redevelopment and preservation of historic properties.
- Add two full time staff (project or other) in Planning Department to assist in delivering key projects in 2018-2019, such as increasing infill housing, Downtown Plan update, etc.

## **3. Strategic Initiative: Sustainable Infrastructure**

*Goal: To build and effectively manage innovative infrastructure that promotes mobility for, and access by, citizens and organizations.*

- Study our system-wide strengths, weaknesses, and develop strategies to build greater resiliency as an organization. (\$75,000)