



Mayor Ed Murray will double the number of participants in his Youth Employment Initiative, build on the early success of the Seattle Preschool Program, work with the Innovation Team to address disparities for young black men in Seattle, and create a larger, more diverse police force.

Youth Employment



Mayor Murray set a goal to double the number of participants in his Youth Employment Initiative to 4,000 this year, representing his ongoing commitment to prepare youth for careers. The Mayor also announced he will work with City Council to direct an additional \$200,000 to Career Bridge, a community-driven program that puts individuals with a criminal record on a path to success through job readiness training.

Learn more: MURRAY.SEATTLE.GOV/YOUTHJOBS

Improving Outcomes For African-American Youth



In response to the Innovation Team's work examining disparities for young black men in Seattle, Mayor Murray has announced that in addition to his Youth Employment Initiative, the City will partner with the Center for Children & Youth Justice to address gaps in our City's youth violence prevention services. The Mayor also announced his plan to create a first-of-its-kind culturally-responsive program providing trained workers who can work with youth and their families to address violence issues at home.

Learn more: MURRAY.SEATTLE.GOV/INNOVATIONTEAM

Education Summit



Mayor Murray remains committed to addressing the opportunity gap young people face in our public schools. This year, he will host the first citywide Education Summit in 25 years, bringing together teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community partners.

Learn more: MURRAY.SEATTLE.GOV/EDUCATIONSUMMIT

A Larger and More Diverse Police Force



Mayor Murray announced plans to hire 200 more net new police officers, doubling the original commitment he made when he came into office. The City is on track to hire 100 of those officers by 2017. The City is also building a more diverse police force-- 30% of new hires in 2015 were people of color. SPD has taken meaningful steps to enhance public trust and carry out reforms to address excessive force and biased policing.

Learn more: MURRAY.SEATTLE.GOV/CATEGORY/POLICE-REFORM



Utility Discount Program

In his address, Mayor Murray also announced a major expansion of the City's Utility Discount Program, which reduces utility costs for low-income families by 50 percent. By auto-enrolling 10,000 tenants in Seattle Housing Authority properties, the City will reach the mayor's goal to double enrollment in the discount program to 28,000 households two years early.



Learn more: MURRAY.SEATTLE.GOV/UDP

Seattle Preschool Program

This year, 15 classrooms opened serving more than 250 3- and 4-year-olds. In an effort to narrow opportunity and achievement gaps, Mayor Murray's Preschool Program will serve 2,000 students in 100 classrooms by 2018.



Learn more:

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Integrated Planning Office

The new Office of Planning and Community Development will work across City departments to assess community needs, prioritize resources, and ensure that we are coordinating and implementing our plans with a cohesive vision. Lake City will be the first neighborhood to benefit from OPCD's coordinated efforts.



Learn more: SEATTLE.GOV/DPD/CITYPLANNING

Creating Cultural Spaces

Mayor Murray announced SDOT, OED and the Office of Arts and Culture worked together to turn empty space in King Street Station into new public art space.

The Mayor also announced the expansion of the Urban Parks Activation Partnership to reactivate space in our urban core.



Learn more: SEATTLE.GOV/ARTS



Increased Transit Services, Vision Zero

This spring, Seattle will see the final installment of increased bus service approved by voters in 2014, adding nearly 300,000 hours of service. Last year, the City launched Vision Zero, an innovative strategy focused on eliminating traffic fatalities. The Mayor announced that as a result, fatalities have been reduced by 25%, reaching an all-time low for the city.

Learn more: SEATTLE.GOV/VISIONZERO



Housing Affordability and Livability

Mayor Murray continues to work on housing affordability to ensure people who work in Seattle can afford to live in Seattle. The Mayor has also released his proposal to replace and expand the expiring Seattle Housing Levy to preserve and produce affordable housing.

Learn more: SEATTLE.GOV/HALA