

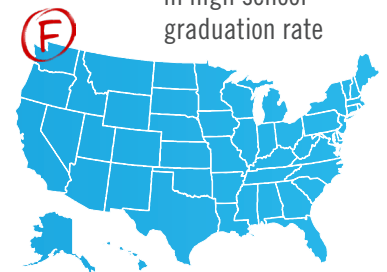
United Way of King County is proud of **donor support that allows us to invest \$26 million** to build a strong community where people have homes, students graduate and families are financially stable. We know that state policy affects families' and our community's ability to thrive. Please help us:



Helping Students Graduate

- **Help young people get their education back on track.** Advocate for policies that support young people reengaging with school, including improving Open Doors and GRADS program legislation to increase their effectiveness.
- **Provide homeless children a 12-Month Working Connections Child Care authorization grace period.** Child care settings are a key place of stability for kids experiencing homelessness—advocate to prevent loss of child care due to parents' job searches.
- **Fund Positive Cultural Identity Development.** Join United Way investors in keeping young people in school by uplifting their cultural history and values.
- **Provide non-academic support services for college students.** Many college students struggle financially and require supports like food, homelessness prevention, financial stability and housing assistance to enable them to finish their education.

44th Washington state ranks 44th in high school graduation rate



Break the Cycle of Poverty

- **Support a tax credit for working families.** Similar to the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, this state credit would reduce Washington's tax system's regressive structure and put more money in the pockets of hardworking families and young adults.
- **Increase access to school breakfast.** Advocate for eligibility expansion of the Community Eligibility Provision which allows high need schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students.



Fight Homelessness

- **Prevent evictions.** Make landlord / tenant laws more specific to provide tenants and landlords clarity about what is allowable.
- **Provide ongoing Housing and Essential Needs (HENS) rent subsidies** to King County residents who obtain SSI/SSDI and, as a result, are required to give up HENS vouchers worth more than the SSI/SSDI monthly check.

Other

- **United way capital Funding request for roof replacement** and other facility improvements.

As of 1/1/2020

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Support These Tax Priorities

- **Expand Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) eligibility and the Child Tax Credit (CTC).** Allow the EITC to reach two currently ineligible groups: families without dependents and young workers. Additionally, repeal limits on the Child Tax Credit.



Appropriate Funds in the Following Areas:

Pass a Fiscal Year 2020 Spending Bill to raise Budget Control Act spending caps and increase funding for human services in these areas:

- **Financial stability**, including the SNAP program and lifesaving entitlements like TANF and Medicaid.
- **Ending homelessness**, including Housing Choice Vouchers (section 8) and increased McKinney Vento funds; expand the HUD definition of homelessness.
- **Student success**, including Child Care subsidies, Head Start slots and Pell Grants.
- **Preserve AmeriCorps**, a public service program with the goal of helping and meeting critical needs in communities.



Pass Policy Bills That Invigorate Our National Commitment to Families and Individuals

- Enable families to work while children receive high quality early learning experiences that prepare them to succeed in school.
- Treat immigrant families and their children fairly, to avoid causing trauma that will be costly to address later. Pass DACA protections and enact a repeal of the administration's Public Charge rule.
- Address elements of the justice system that criminalize poverty and direct states to do the same.
- Address areas of education that are failing students, such as school readiness, school discipline, opportunity youth, transitions to high school and college, etc.
- Ensure a fair and accurate census.
- Protect and strengthen nutrition programs for children and families, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and child nutrition programs: Protect SNAP recipients from funding cuts and barriers to participation, strengthen Categorical Eligibility Provisions for school nutrition, and invest in and streamline afterschool and summer hunger programs.

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