



# Public Works Trust Fund

HB 1680/SB 5952

## Cities need a fully funded Public Works Trust Fund.

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The Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) provides necessary infrastructure loans for our communities and helps keep rates for services like drinking water and sewer affordable for all residents.

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Local governments have spent decades replenishing the Public Works Trust Fund via loan repayments.

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Investments in infrastructure keep cities vibrant and leverage additional private investment in local communities.

1 There are more than \$881 million worth of local infrastructure projects that lack funding to move forward, with higher needs in eastern Washington's rural infrastructure maintenance and construction. The American Society of Civil Engineers gave Washington's infrastructure a "C" grade, with wastewater getting a "C-" and stormwater getting a "D+" because failing infrastructure hurts everyone. It is necessary to fully fund the various state programs designed to support local infrastructure.

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2 For the first time since 2013, the Public Works Trust Fund was appropriated \$95 million in the 2019-2021 biennial budget. However, roughly \$2 billion has been redirected from the PWTF over the last three biennia to pay for other state priorities. Even with last year's significant appropriation, diversions continued from the fund, including a \$160 million transfer to the Education Legacy Account and \$21.5 million diverted to a new statewide broadband program.

3 For every dollar invested in the Public Works Trust Fund, a match of 5.5 additional dollars come from other sources. This program helps cities overcome the financial challenges of building and repairing local infrastructure systems that benefit our economy, the environment, and the entire state. Low cost infrastructure funding helps keep these critical services affordable for our residents now and into the future.

City infrastructure systems are a critical part of the larger network that serves and benefits the entire state. City streets move traffic seamlessly from one place to another. Businesses relying on city water and sewer systems create a positive impact on the entire region. Cities take on major toxic cleanup efforts to enhance our communities and bring new economic development opportunities to the state. Collectively, the strength of Washington's local infrastructure systems creates a stronger and healthier state, better positioned for continued economic growth and development.

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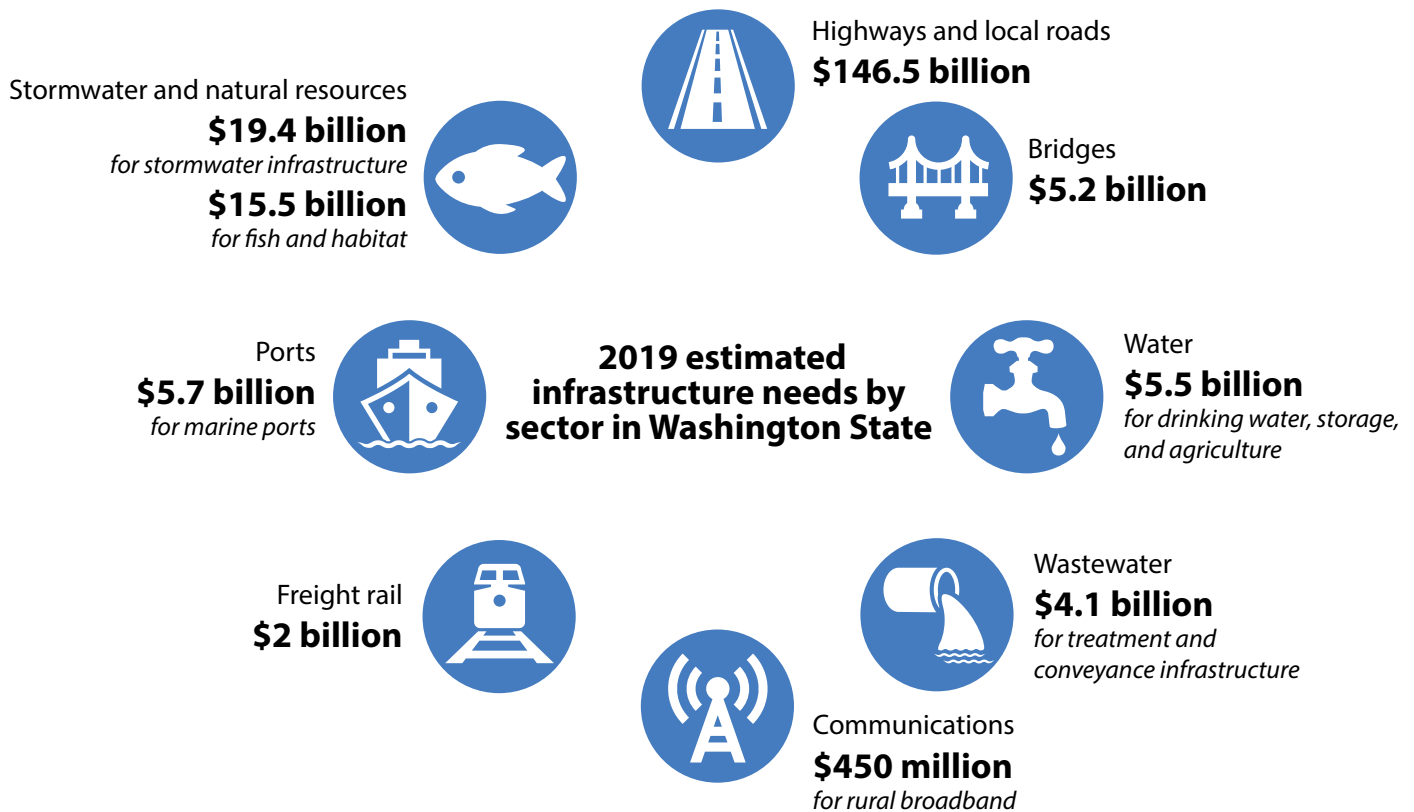
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# Additional information

## AWC is focused on maintaining and enhancing state infrastructure support because cities are:

- **Behind on the basics**  
The core infrastructure systems such as streets, water, sewer, and stormwater that residents and businesses depend on are aging, costing more to operate and falling behind in environmental standards.
- **Making tough choices**  
Cities are forced to choose between funding basic city services like police and fire, and building and maintaining capital assets while trying to keep these basic services affordable for all residents.
- **Struggling to accommodate a growing population**  
Today's cities are building the infrastructure systems to support the next generation. We need to make smart designed infrastructure decisions to meet environmental standards and respond to our communities' needs well into the future.
- **Supporting critical development**  
Infrastructure investment is necessary to leverage much needed private investment in housing and commercial development.



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