

Explore public safety funding pathways via **HB 2015**

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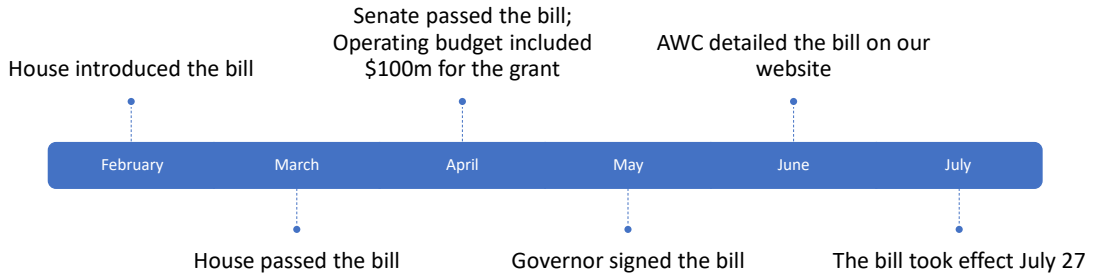
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Background on the bill in 2025



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About HB 2015

The new law sets up two mechanisms for funding public safety:

Grant

A three-year \$100 million grant program for hiring, retaining, and training new police officers and co-responders

Sales tax

A councilmanic 0.1% local sales tax authority for broad public safety and criminal justice needs

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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

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

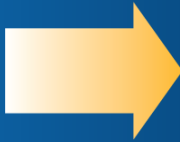
You must receive or levy a public safety sales tax to get the grant



New local option sales tax

0.1% sales & use tax

Every \$100 in sales



10¢ revenue

The bill allows the legislative body of a city and/or county to establish a new local option 0.1% sales and use tax.

To be eligible, cities must meet the same requirements laid out for grant eligibility.



Sales tax quick facts



Local legislative authority:
The tax can be imposed by councilmanic action through June 30, 2028



Permanent:
Once passed by the council, the sales tax is permanent



Stackable:
The taxes can stack with other sales taxes and jurisdictions; and revenues are not shared with other jurisdictions



Broad use:
The new 0.1% sales tax can be used for broadly defined "criminal justice purposes"



Requirements:
A city or county can only collect the tax if it meets all the requirements of the CJTC grant (But no requirement to *apply* for the grant)



Caveat:
The jurisdiction's voters must not have rejected or repealed any public safety sales tax within 12 months



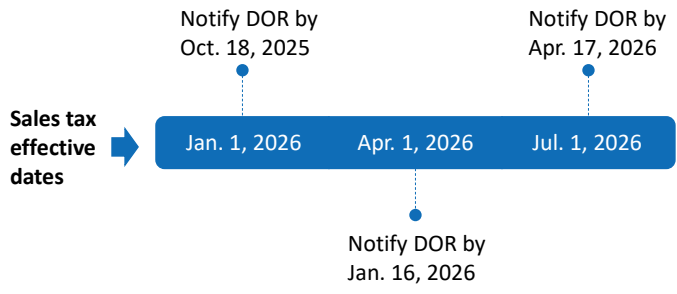
Timing: DOR notification deadlines

75 days prior



Before the new sales tax takes effect, cities must give DOR 75-days' notice of the passed ordinance and include a copy of it

DOR notification deadlines



Broad use for the sales tax

Criminal justice purposes, such as:

- Domestic violence services
- Public defenders
- Diversion programs
- Reentry work for inmates
- Reducing homelessness or improving behavioral health
- Community placements for juvenile offenders
- Community outreach, alternative response, mental health crisis response



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Sales tax comparison

Law	Nickname	Taxing authority	Sales tax amount	Council or voter approved?	Use	Revenue sharing
RCW 82.14.340	Criminal Justice Sales Tax	County	0.1%	County Council	Criminal justice purposes	Per capita split: Counties receive 10%, with remaining 90% split between the county and all its cities on a per capita basis
RCW 82.14.450	Public Safety Sales Tax	City and/or county	0.1% for cities 0.3% for counties (Up to 0.3% total)	Voters (primary or general election)	1/3 use towards criminal justice and/or fire protection (other 2/3 is unrestricted)	If city-imposed: Revenue shared with its county (85% city, 15% county split) If county-imposed: Revenue shared with its cities (60% county, 40% to cities, divided per capita)
HB 2015	Public Safety Enhancement Sales Tax	City and/or county	0.1% each	City or County Council (through June 2028)	Criminal justice purposes	No sharing requirement: City and county can both pass and use the tax independently or in addition to the other



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New grant program

The bill establishes a new state-funded grant program administered by the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC).

To be eligible, cities must meet a series of policy and training requirements.



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Grant program quick facts

- **Amount:** \$100 million grant pool, administered by CJTC
- **Length:** Three years (expires June 30, 2028)
- **Use:** Local law enforcement agencies can use grants for:
 - **Hiring:** New officer and co-responder recruiting, hiring, and retaining (lateral hires are prohibited)
 - **Training:** Funding use of force, de-escalation, crisis intervention, and trauma-informed trainings for officers to comply with CJTC's required trainings
 - **Other:** Grants may also be used for broader law enforcement and public safety efforts
- **Limitation:** Grants can cover 75% of salary + benefits for up to three years
 - (Up to a maximum of \$125,000 per position)
- **City or county must:**
 - Receive funding from an existing sales tax for public safety, or authorize the new one
 - Comply with new policies on agency leader qualifications and volunteer limitations
 - Implement trainings and data reporting in alignment with CJTC capacity
- **Co-response priority:**
 - Top funding priority goes to grant applications to start co-response or community immersion law enforcement programs
 - Second priority goes to agencies with existing co-response programs
 - Applications from all other agencies get next priority



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Grants may also be used for broader public safety efforts, including:

- Emergency management planning
- Environmental hazard mitigations
- Security personnel
- Community outreach and assistance programs
- Alternative response programs
- Mental health crisis response

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Requirements to qualify for a grant and/or sales tax

- **AGO training & policies:** Established policies that comply with state law as well as the Attorney General's guidance for law enforcement practices related to citizenship status
- **CJTC trainings:** Participated in CJTC trainings related to behavioral health and first aid
- **Use of force policies:** Established policies on de-escalation and use of force that incorporate the Attorney General's guidance on duty to intervene and use of police dogs
- **Use of force database:** Complied with state laws on use of force data reporting (once that state program is operational)
- **Court-ordered firearm relinquishment:** Established policies related to civil protection orders and the court-ordered surrender of firearms
- **Crisis intervention training:** At least 25% of officers who have completed CJTC crisis intervention team training
- **Gender-based violence trainings:** 100% completion by required officers for CJTC trainings on sexual assault and gender-based violence

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Requirements to qualify for a grant and/or sales tax (continued)

- **Public safety sales taxes:** Received funds from or authorized a public safety or criminal justice sales tax
- **Leadership requirements:** A police chief, sheriff, or marshal who is CJTC-certified and has no felony convictions or gross misdemeanor convictions for moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, or corruption
- **Volunteer requirements:** Establish policies for supervising agency volunteers, including insignia worn, and for restricting volunteers from enforcing criminal laws, using force, carrying weapons, or using dogs (besides search and rescue)
- **Staffing plans:** Provide detailed agency staffing reports and plans including numbers of co-response teams, administrative staff, specially commissioned officers, and officers on flexible schedules
- **911 & case-closure rates:** Provide average rates for the preceding year for 911 responses and case closures



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Questions?

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FAQ

- How can a three-year grant work for making permanent hires?
- Why is the grant/tax funding available for uses besides hiring officers?
- When will we know how to get this money?
- Does the sales tax expire at the end of three years?
- Is the grant's \$125,000 state match per position also per year?
- If we contract for services with the sheriff's office, how do we apply for the grant?

