



CITY OF ARLINGTON 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Indigent Defense:** Provide funding for mandated items. The State Supreme Court is considering reducing the case load standards for indigent defense.
- **Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA):** Requesting the State to fund law enforcement academy training at 100%.
- **Juvenile Crimes:** The handling of juvenile crimes requires attention. Requesting support for programs and approaches used in juvenile justice to rehabilitate youth. This funding will ensure that juvenile offenders have the opportunity to turn their lives around and become productive members of society.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- **State Route 531 Completion:** Due to inflated project costs, construction was broken into three phases, leaving Phase 3 unfunded. Phases 1 and 2, which involved widening from 43rd Ave. NE to 51st Ave. NE and 51st Ave. NE to 59th Ave. NE, adding a second lane in each direction, is completed. Phase 3 involves widening from 59th Ave. NE to 67th Ave. NE but remains unfunded at this time.
- **State Route 530 and State Route 9 Intersection:** WSDOT committed to construct traffic signals or roundabouts at two intersections on SR530 near SR9, which will improve safety and traffic flow in the area.
- **State Route 530 Corridor Improvements:** Seeking to complete the SR 530 and Smokey Point Blvd. Intersection Improvements, which will improve public safety, traffic flow, and decrease collisions. Construction available to begin immediately.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- **Outreach Teams:** Funding for additional police/social worker teams to provide comprehensive support for those experiencing mental health crises. This will allow social workers and police to connect people in crisis with resources and services.
- **Inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities:** Additional beds are needed for those in need of immediate care.

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

- **Increase property tax cap:** From 1% cap up to a 3% maximum tax cap for cities.
- **Parks benefit district:** Allow cities to establish parks benefit districts that could impose a voter approved sales tax to improve and maintain park systems.