

Meeting the moment

OUR IMPACT

IN 2020



WASHINGTON STATE
**BUDGET
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CENTER**

Cultivating statewide change by advancing progressive policy solutions

At the Washington State Budget & Policy Center, we know the state budget is where the rubber meets the road – the legislative tool that guides investments in Washington communities.

We work with partners and grassroots coalitions to advance economic and fiscal policies that lift up families with low and moderate incomes, reduce barriers to opportunity for people of color, and create shared prosperity for all Washingtonians.

Working together to meet an unprecedented moment

In the midst of the unprecedented and intertwined COVID-19 public health and economic crises of 2020, it was made exceedingly clear why reforming our state budget and tax code must be a top priority.

One thing about supporters of the Budget & Policy Center is that when there's a need – folks step up. You are in the fight with us, writing op-eds, making connections to community partners, and testifying in Olympia. And, as we worried about funding insecurity in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic we saw you, our donors and funders, not only continue to support us but in many instances even increase your support.

Your partnership was vital to our ability to meet the moment, and set us up for success during the 2021 state legislative session where we saw years of advocacy work come to fruition with the passage of two of our signature policy priorities, the Working Families Tax Credit and a capital gains tax.

We will be celebrating 15 years of the Budget & Policy Center in 2021. I'm very proud of what we have accomplished together this past year, and throughout our history. Thank you for being a changemaker, and working alongside us to push for an equitable recovery for Washington state.

With gratitude,

Misha Werschkul
Executive Director

Recent statewide policy action with partners



We worked closely with partners to develop principles to guide policy response to COVID-19:

prioritizing direct cash assistance, raising progressive revenue, and bolstering investments in public services that support well-being and divest from systems that cause harm.

We published a new brief highlighting the importance of raising progressive revenue and investing in community well-being as key parts of policymakers' response to COVID-19,

as well as several other powerful materials in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We built momentum to advance bold policies to flip our state's upside-down tax code –

including closing the tax break on capital gains and reducing the impact of regressive taxes on lower-income populations through the Working Families Tax Credit.

2020: By the numbers

Media	
52	Earned Media
23	State media markets reached
20	Infographics, reports and fact sheets

Online Buzz	
4,500	Twitter followers
3,200	Facebook followers
33	Schmudget blog posts

Community Engagement	
1,300+	Community members engaged at events
31	Presentations, webinars, and events
13	Testimonies in Olympia

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