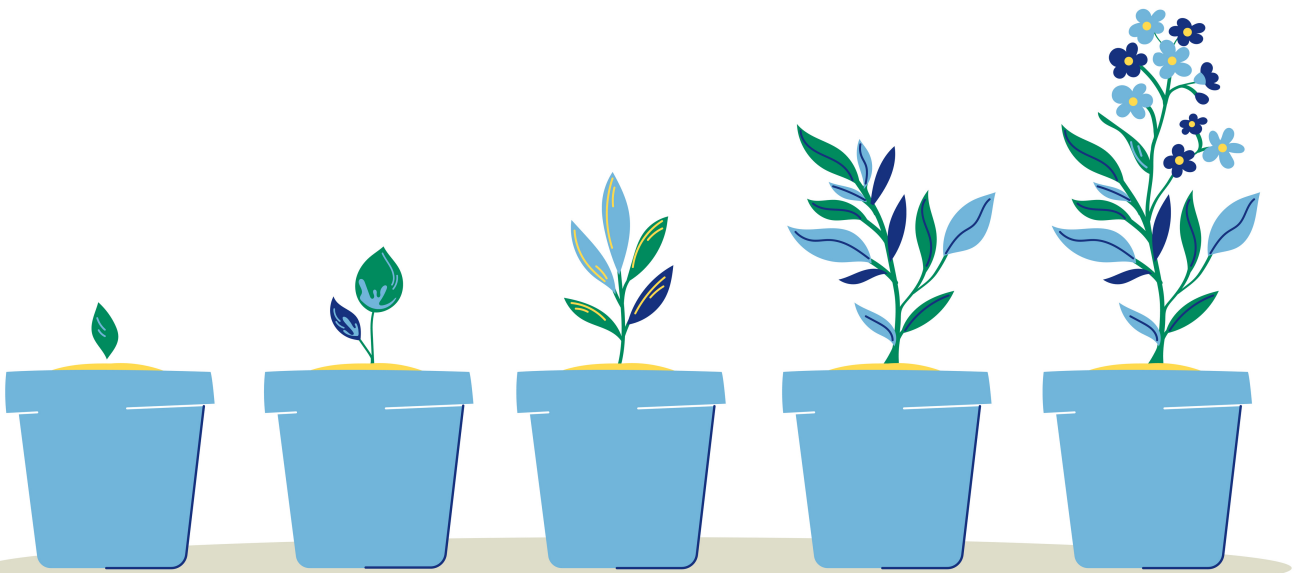


Growing together:

A snapshot of 2023



State policy to support community well-being

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

We work with partners and grassroots coalitions to advance budget and tax policies that lift up families with low and moderate incomes, reduce barriers to opportunity for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, and create shared prosperity for all Washingtonians.

Shifting and growing how we work to advance economic justice

After nearly 30 years, Washington finally got rid of its worst in the nation tax code ranking thanks to the Working Families Tax Credit and capital gains tax. The team at the Budget and Policy Center and our many partners worked on these policies for more than a decade – always believing in the possibility of a more balanced state tax code.

As we celebrate this progress, we also want to be intentional about how we are continuing to move the work forward. We chose to embark on a Theory of Change process in 2023 to ensure our staff and board have a collective framework to set our priorities and goals and uphold our vision that every community is thriving with all people able to enjoy a bright economic future, health, freedom, and joy. Out of this process, we identified the below guiding principles to help us reach that vision:

- Dismantling racism, white supremacy, and settler colonialism is essential to undoing other forms of oppression and building a more just Washington State.
- Communities who are most impacted have the best knowledge to design racially just economic policy.
- We honor tribal sovereignty and demand tribal representation in state-level policymaking.
- Public policy to reduce the racial wealth and income gap and return wealth to Black, Native, and other communities of color is necessary to ensure all Washingtonians can live with economic dignity.
- We are part of a larger movement for racially just economic policy that holds governmental decision makers accountable to the well-being of Washington communities, ensures an equitable redistribution of resources, and redresses past harms.

You, our donors and supporters, have been beside us and kept us in this work throughout the years. Thank you for all that you have done to help make progress possible. Now, we look forward to growing together as we adopt and implement our new Theory of Change framework in all that we do.

With gratitude,

Misha

Building on progress with partners

We worked with coalition partners and elected leaders to pass a bill that supports young people impacted by the criminal legal system. The bill ensures that harmful debt from legal financial obligations is not only non-collectible for young people who are unable to pay these fines and fees, but the debt is also erased from their records

We helped advocate for a budget that includes funding to support a Medicaid-like program for immigrants and to create a community energy ambassadors program for equitable distribution of clean energy programs.

Our advocacy alongside coalition partners led to lawmakers including critical funding for outreach to people who qualify for the Working Families Tax Credit. And they included funding for the Department of Commerce to design a direct cash program to serve youth and young adults experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

2023: By the numbers

MEDIA

57+ Pieces in the media

34 State media markets reached

12 Infographics, briefs, reports & fact sheets

ONLINE BUZZ

4,580 Twitter followers

3,600 Facebook followers

19 Schmudget blog posts

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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20+ Presentations, webinars, and events

15 Testimonies during legislative session

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