Department of Commerce

Agency Overview

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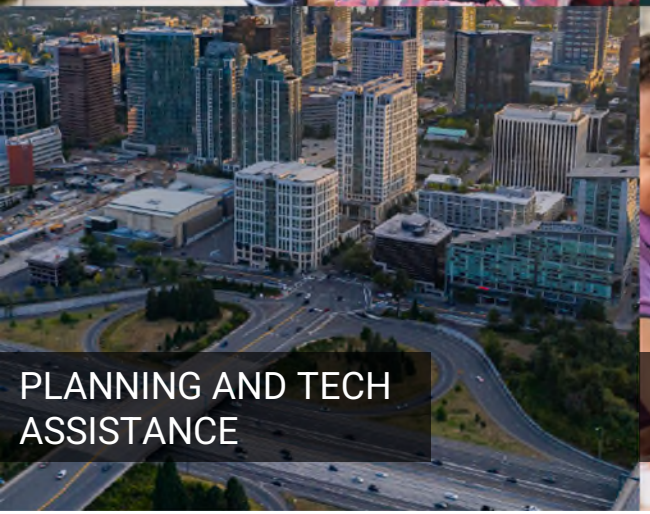
We strengthen communities

















About Commerce

We are the lead state agency charged with enhancing and promoting sustainable community and economic vitality in Washington. We administer a diverse portfolio of programs and several state boards and commissions, all focused on helping communities grow.

Equity statement

- Our core mission is to **Strengthen Communities**. To accomplish this mission, we must embed the values of diversity, equity and inclusion in all aspects of our work.
- We partner and connect to communities – tribes, local governments, non-profits, businesses, state agencies, localities community-based organizations, and international partners.

Commerce equity mission and strategic goals



What drives our work?

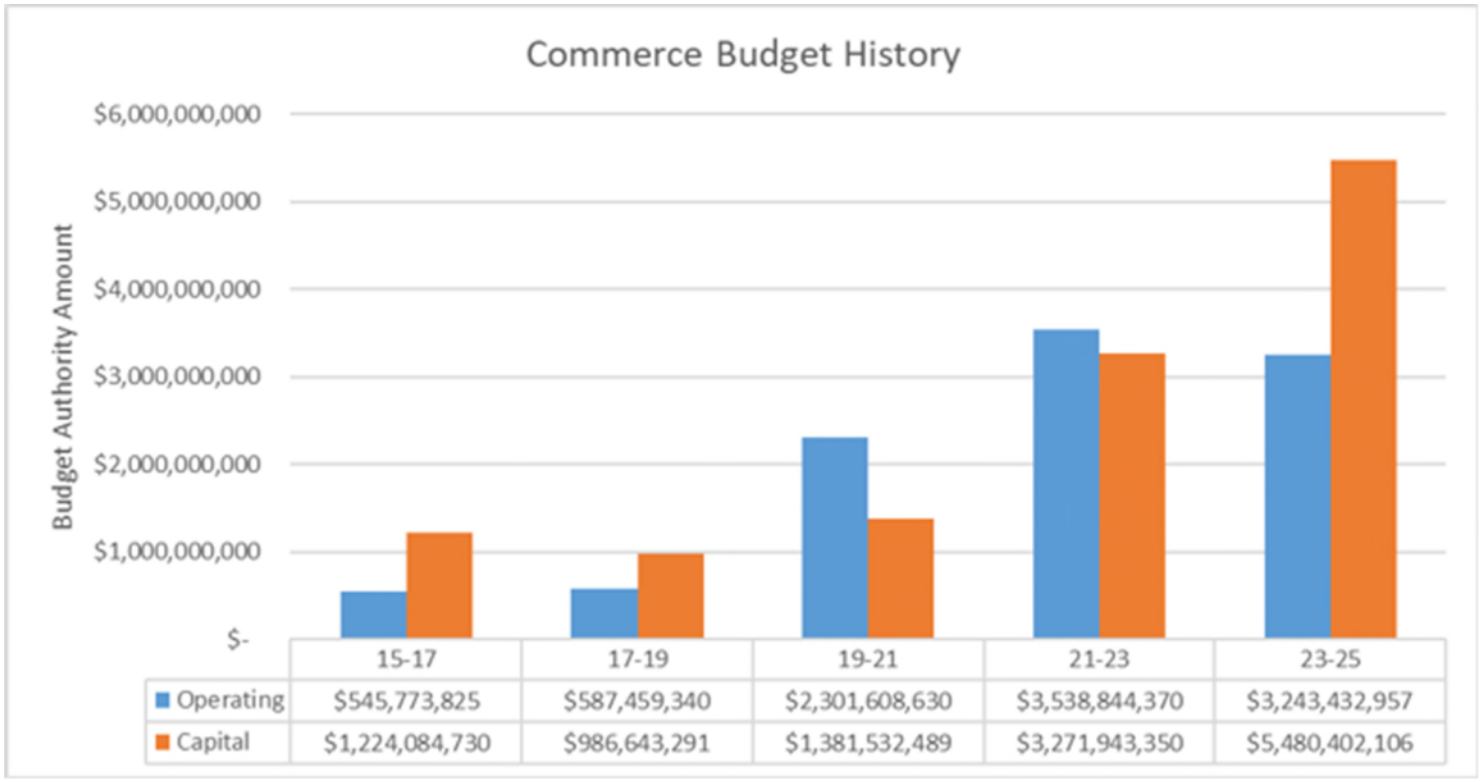
- Community changes & growth
- Climate change
- Economic and market transformation



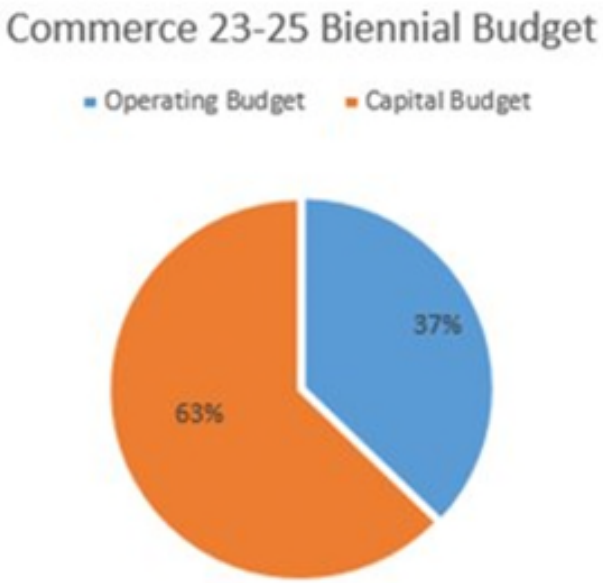




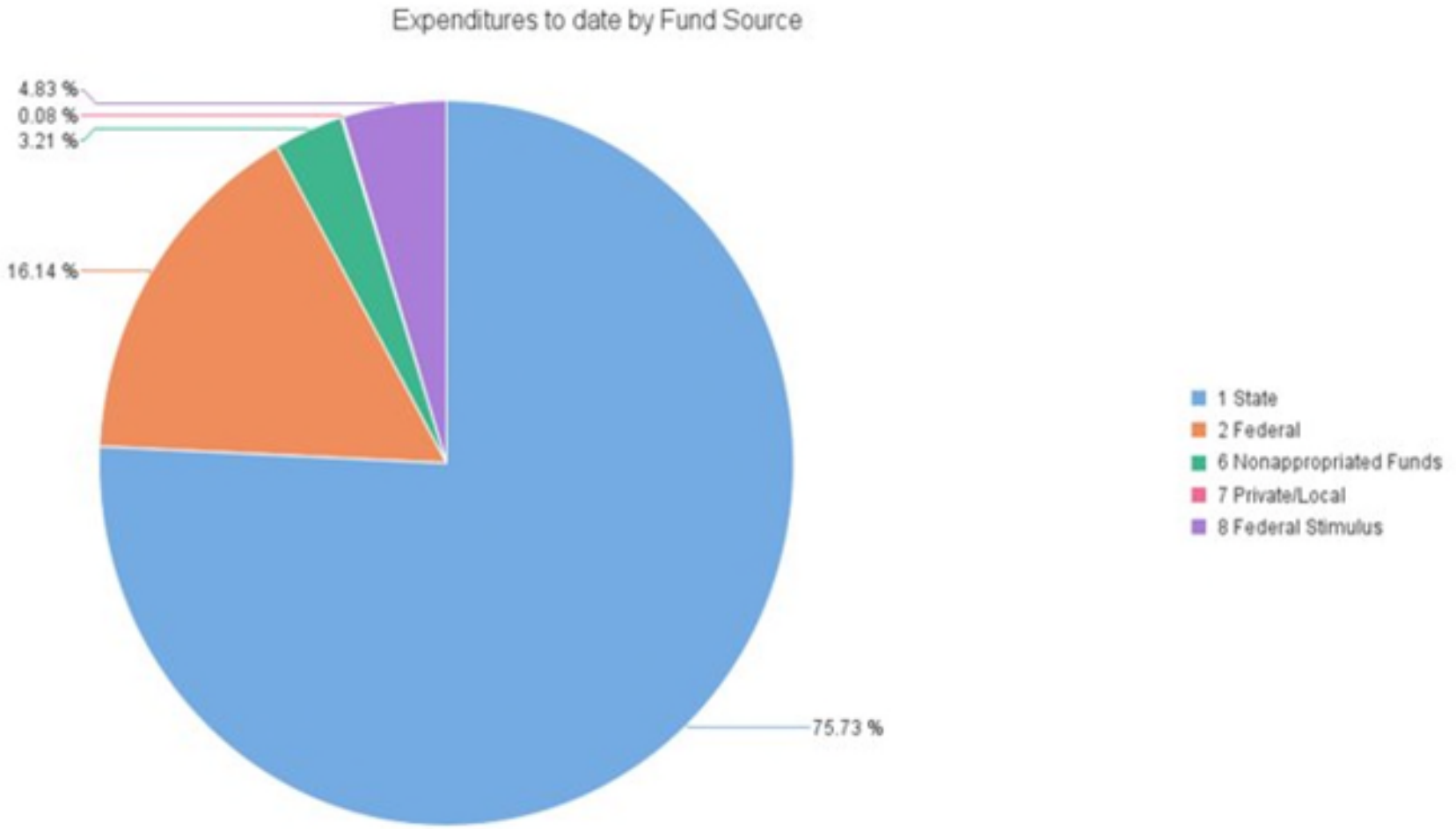
Budget overview and history



	15-17	17-19	19-21	21-23	23-25
Operating	$545,773,825	$587,459,340	$2,301,608,630	$3,538,844,370	$3,243,432,957
Capital	$1,224,084,730	$986,643,291	$1,381,532,489	$3,271,943,350	$5,480,402,106

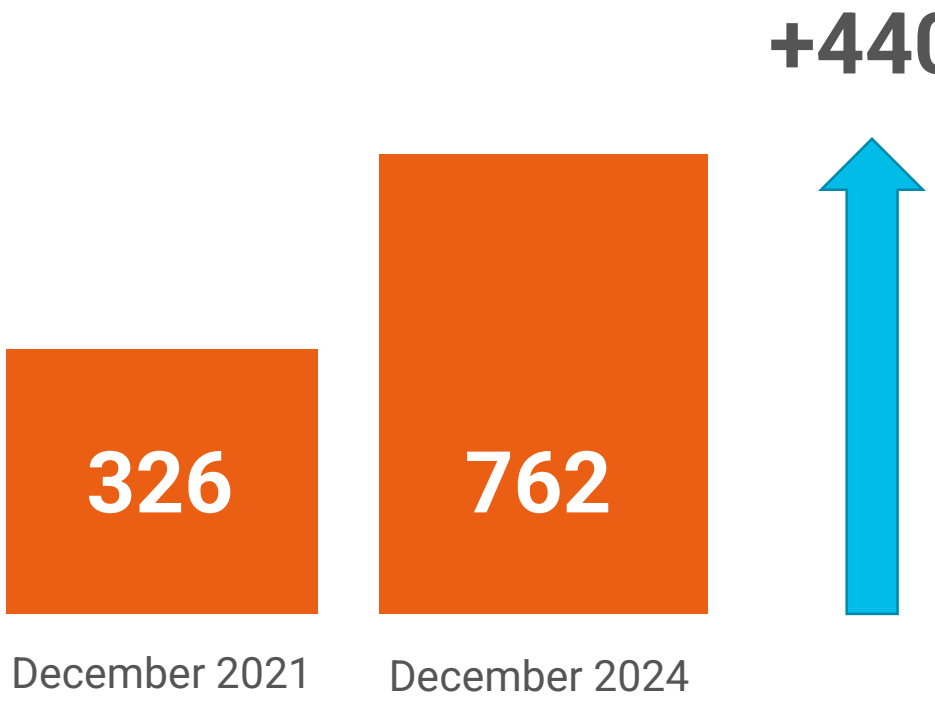


Department spend fund sources in FY24

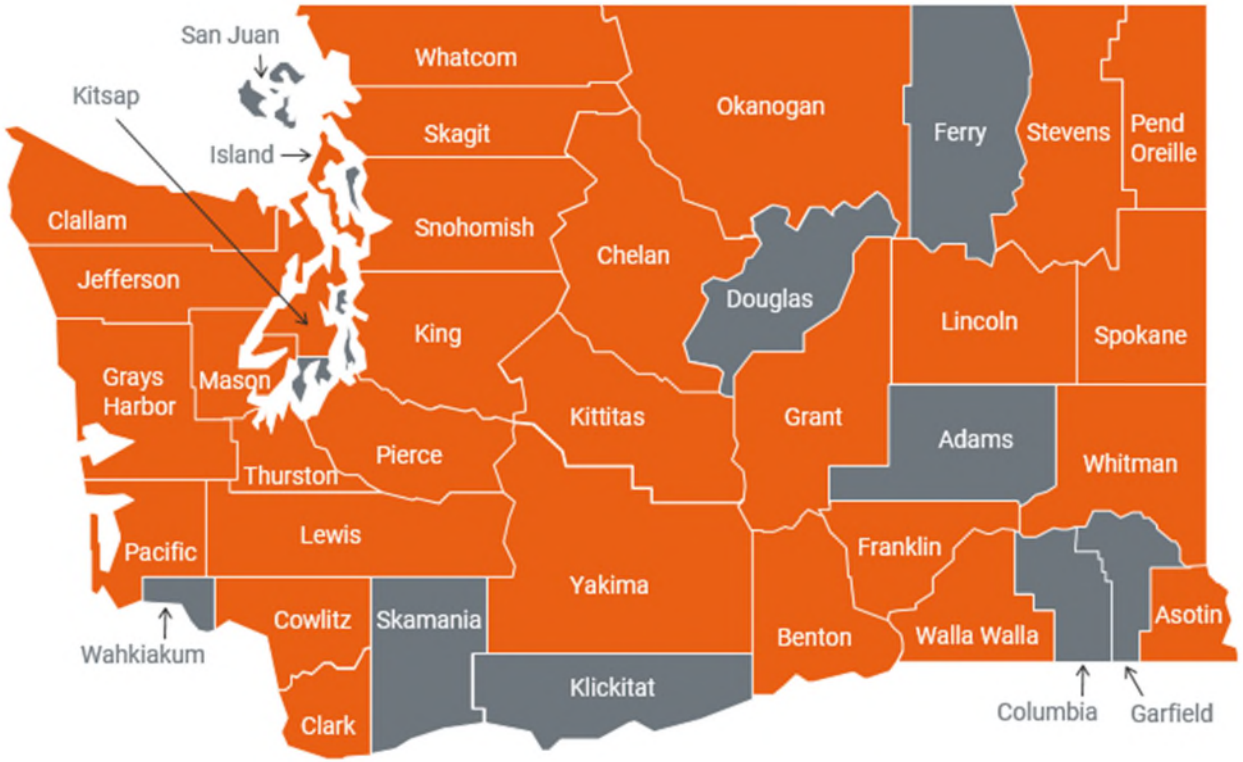


Staff serving communities

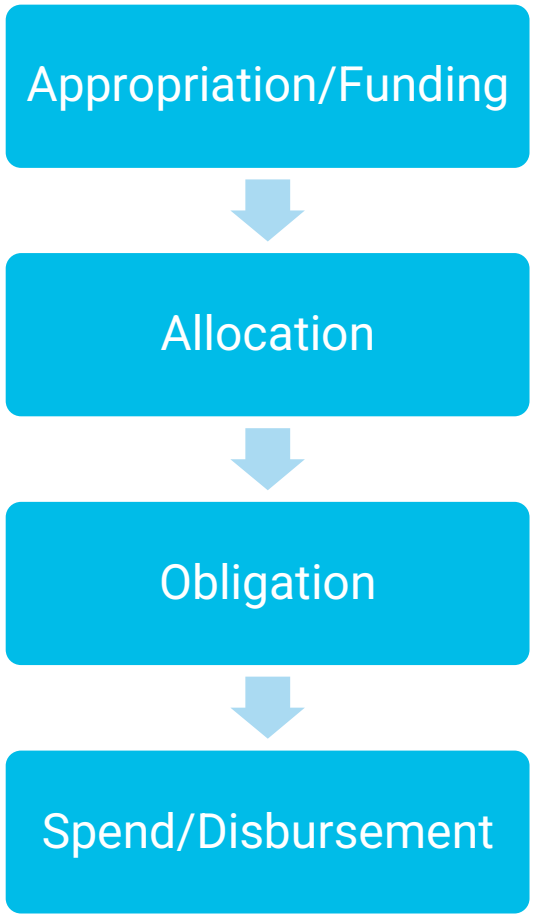
- Staffing growth



- Where we live in Washington



State funding cycle



Legislative Session: Funding provided by the Legislature for a specific purpose/objective.

Fiscal Year Start: Commerce makes internal determination for how appropriation amounts will be distributed.

Contracting: Allocated funding under contract for disbursement.

Implementation: Obligated amount dollars disbursed to contractor/recipient/service partners.

Divisions and Programs

Office of Economic Development and Competitiveness

Strengthening our key industries, expanding international trade, helping small businesses grow, providing training to a new generation of workers, providing access to funding, and supporting the work of our local economic development partners

Small businesses are the primary drivers of the economy.

Small Business Training & Education

Small Business Finance Services

We live in the most trade-dependent state in the U.S.

Small Business Export Assistance

Washington's economic growth is fueled by our innovation economy.

Business Development

Sector Development

Energy Division

Addressing the critical energy challenges to advance our state energy goals in emission reduction and electrification through energy policy, analysis and information and projects and funding to improve energy use in homes, buildings, transportation and transmission

Energy Policy and State Strategy

State Energy Strategy

Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)

Energy Independence Act (EIA)

Energy Programs in Communities

Grid Resilience

Solar for All

HEAL Act and Environmental Justice

Clean Transportation

Energy Incentives for Homes and Buildings

Clean Buildings

Energy Efficiency

Weatherization

Home Electrification and Appliances

Local Government Division

Supporting the diverse needs of local and community leaders with financial and technical assistance primarily to local governments, but also supports nonprofits, community organizations, and tribes to plan, build and maintain community resources

Local Communities

Community Capital Facilities

Growth Management Services

WA State Broadband Office

Federal funding

Digital Equity

Infrastructure partners

Boards

Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)

Public Works Board (PWB)

Small Communities Initiative

SYNC – State Infrastructure Improvement Team

Housing Division

By 2044, Washington needs over 1.1 million new homes – over half of which needs to be affordable for families making half the area median income (AMI)

Reducing homelessness, preventing evictions, developing and preserving affordable housing

Homelessness Assistance

Local shelter, diversion, and planning

Rent assistance

Landlord Programs

Office of Homeless Youth

Homeownership

Foreclosure Fairness Program

Mobile Home Relocation

Land Trust and Co-operatives

Multifamily Housing

Housing Trust Fund

National Trust Fund

Preservation

Permanent Supportive Housing

Community Services Division

Supporting individual and family self-sufficiency, reduce poverty, and address the causes and effects of systemic violence centering the voices of underserved communities

Economic Opportunities

Family Tax Credit access

Lead-Based Paint

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Immigrant community legal aid

Community Reinvestment Program

Community Safety

Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention

Office of Crime Victim Advocacy

Community Law Enforcement Partnership

Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

Councils and Ombudsman support

Reentry Council

Developmental Disabilities Council

State ombuds support

Achieving The Vision

Meeting community in community



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