



## Green New Deal Components

### JumpStart Seattle Progressive Revenue Proposal

The JumpStart Seattle plan reiterates Seattle’s commitment to Green New Deal goals and priorities and advances a Green New Deal agenda through investments in energy efficient and green affordable housing, strong labor standards, and Green New Deal oversight.



### Funding for Energy Efficient, Deep Green Affordable Housing

There are strong intersections between housing equity, health equity, and climate change, and the immediate crises of COVID-19, homelessness, and housing unaffordability are inextricably linked to the crisis of climate change. Transportation and building emissions together comprise the core greenhouse gas emissions in Seattle. When lower-income residents are priced out of the city, they often become trapped in long commutes that not only take a toll on their and their families’ health but also contribute to climate change, and the interrelated impacts of displacement and climate change have a disproportionate impact on communities of color.

One of the most important ways to combat climate change and advance health equity is to create more affordable housing near transit, good jobs, and services—and by building that housing to be low-or no-carbon, we can make our housing, healthy, and climate equity investments go even further.

JumpStart provides funding to not only scale up our investments in affordable housing within the city so that folks can access their jobs, social services, schools, and get around their communities without having to make long, costly, physically draining, and polluting commutes—it also provides funding for infrastructure, maintenance, retrofitting, and energy efficiency upgrades to support deep green building and decarbonization of the affordable housing that will be created through this plan.

By providing a funding source for deeply energy efficient and greener buildings, JumpStart will help to scale up the adoption of deep green building within affordable housing projects and will help our affordable housing investments go further to combat climate change and advance climate justice. Examples of the types of projects that could be funded through this legislation include Housing Development Consortium’s [Exemplary Buildings Program](#) for deep green building in affordable housing and permanent supportive housing. This funding would also support green building upgrades to existing buildings.

The affordable housing investments also focus on communities most impacted by displacement and climate change by prioritizing projects that advance equitable development goals and address displacement, including those proposed or supported by local, community-based, non- profit organizations that are culturally relevant and historically rooted, particularly when the project site is in an area that is at high risk for displacement.



strong labor standards



Paying Prevailing Wages



Apprenticeships



Employment of Women & Minority Owned Businesses

### Strong Labor Standards

As we make investments in affordable, energy efficient housing, we must also ensure that we are advancing strong labor standards to create good jobs through these investments. JumpStart affordable housing investments include strong labor equity outcomes, such as the payment of prevailing wages, apprenticeship utilization, and employment of Women and Minority Owned Businesses.

The affordable housing and labor communities initiated a process for strengthening labor standards within affordable housing development through the “K Site” pilot, a project on publicly-owned land at 2nd and Mercer that includes Permanent Supportive Housing, art space, and the strongest labor standards ever for Seattle’s affordable housing investments. The results of the pilot are expected in mid-2021. Affordable housing investments made under the JumpStart plan will include additional labor standards identified by an implementation plan based on the outcomes of the K Site pilot. The implementation plan will be adopted by the City Council in 2021 to guide spending for 2022 and 2023, and labor standards expected to be considered based on recommendations from labor and affordable housing partners in the K Site pilot include preferred entry to apprenticeship programs, requirements for pre-apprenticeship, mentoring or other training programs, community workforce agreements and utilization of workers from economically distressed areas.



oversight



Creates an Oversight Committee

that monitors and strengthens the programs and services of the Green New Deal

### Green New Deal Oversight

The JumpStart legislation would create an Oversight Committee to monitor the programs and services included in the spend plan and report annually to council. The legislation includes a requirement for the Oversight Committee to consult with the Green New Deal Oversight Board to ensure that Green New Deal priorities and goals are incorporated into programs and reporting.

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