

2023 Local Legislative Priorities—City of Seattle

Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB) ensures the health and well-being of urban American Indian and Alaska Native communities by providing culturally attuned healthcare and human services; conducting data research through its research division, Urban Indian Health Institute; and collaborating with tribal, community, and local partners.

Health and Housing Infrastructure Priorities

Ensure access to culturally attuned healthcare and housing.

- Support a one-time \$800,000 budget request for a culturally attuned detox center to ensure the provision of integrated patient-centered care.
- Support the transfer of the undeveloped land at Beacon Place to SIHB for expansion of critical health and human services.
- Make meaningful investments in culturally attuned and affordable temporary and long-term housing models led by—and for—American Indian and Alaska Native people.

American Indian and Alaska Native Relationship Priorities

Honor trust and treaty obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native citizens.

- Expand the Tribal Consultation policy and create an Urban Confer policy across city departments to honor trust and treaty obligations to American Indian and Alaska Native citizens. These expansions must also inform, develop, and implement Indigenous perspectives within legislation and government-funded programs.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People

Address violence against Native women and people.

- Invest \$1.5 million in the Human Services Department's general fund for community-based advocacy services with flexible financial assistance for survivors of gender-based violence.
- Create funding set aside in department budgets for tribes and urban Indian organizations to conduct culturally attuned, direct services in the areas of gender-based violence, sexual violence, human and sex trafficking, homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorder.

Supporting Priorities

Build thriving communities through community-led and culturally attuned services.

- **Invest \$1.5 million for mental and behavioral health services for the Duwamish Tribe** by expanding contracts for drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs and inpatient care.
- **Invest \$13.9 million to expand the local mental and behavioral health crisis system.**
- **Invest \$17 million for food support and food sovereignty** for our most vulnerable residents.
- **Invest \$8 million for free mental health support and services** for individuals with substance use disorders—including culturally specific support.

