

# **WASHINGTON STATE Working Families Tax Credit**

**Outreach Advisory Committee  
December 13, 2022**



# Welcome

- Housekeeping, interpretation process
- Welcome address, Kevin Dixon, WFTC Assistant Director

# Introductions and icebreaker

Name, organization or region represented, what brings you comfort/joy during the cold months.

- DOR team
- Committee members

# About the program: Background

In 2021, the state legislature passed Engrossed Substitute House Bill [1297](#), which expanded eligibility and funding for the WFTC program.

Three policy objectives:

Stimulate local  
economic activity.

Promote racial equity.

Support financial  
stability and wellbeing.

# About the program

## What is the credit?

- A new tax credit for low-to-moderate income individuals and families.
- Payments are based on income level and the number of qualifying children.
- Applications open on February 1, 2023.



# About the program

## Who qualifies?

Applicants must have:

- Filed a federal income tax return as an individual or joint filer.
- A valid Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
- Qualified for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Lived in Washington State for more than 183 days of the year.
- Must be at least 25 years old and less than 65.



# About the program

## Refund amounts

| Number of qualifying children | Applicant must make less than the following |                                    | Maximum credit amount |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                               | Single                                      | Married<br><i>(filing jointly)</i> |                       |
| 0                             | \$16,480                                    | \$22,610                           | \$300                 |
| 1                             | \$43,492                                    | \$49,622                           | \$600                 |
| 2                             | \$49,399                                    | \$55,529                           | \$900                 |
| 3<br>or more                  | \$53,057                                    | \$59,187                           | \$1,200               |

# Applications open February 1, 2023

Three options:

- **Online** at [WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov](https://WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov)
- **Paper Applications** will be available at:
  - Website:  
[WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov](https://WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov)
  - Local DOR field office.
- Through external **tax preparation software** and **providers**.







# Outreach & communication

- Website: [WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov](https://WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov)
  - Eligibility checker
  - Partner toolkit and training materials
  - Sign up for updates and notifications
  - Request a speaker
- Marketing & media campaign
- Partnering with community-based organizations
- **Outreach Advisory Committee**
- Community outreach grants

# Outreach Team

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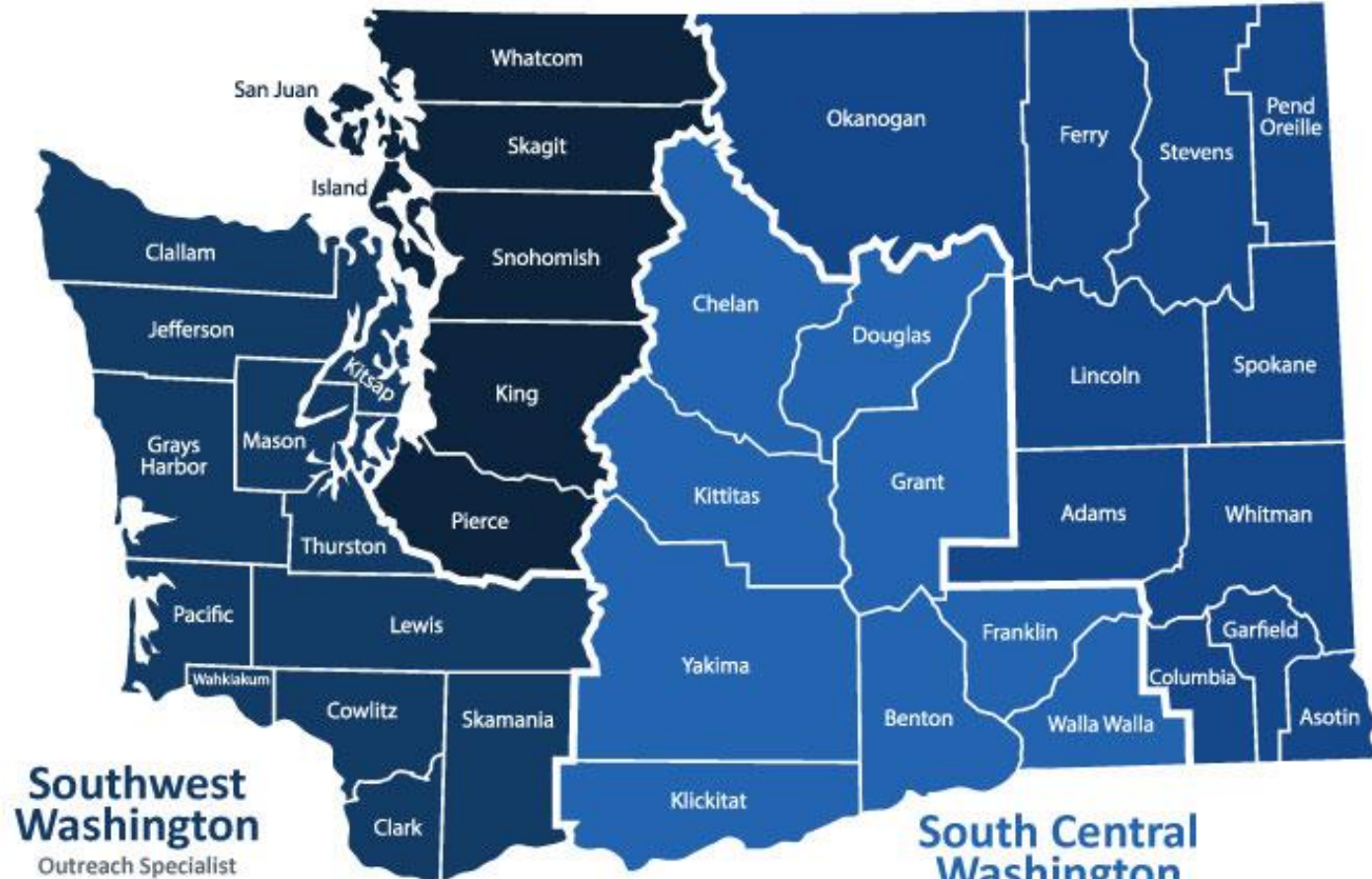
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# Questions about the program?



# Committee organization

## Purpose:

- Advise the Department on best ways to build relationships and engage with diverse communities and individuals that may be eligible to apply for the program.
- Provide feedback to the Department on operational and policy issues as it relates to the administration of the Working Families Tax Credit program.

# Committee procedures

- Membership: 12 appointed members, 2 DOR co-chairs.
- Schedule of meetings: every two months.
- Term limits: Staggering term limits to ensure the Advisory Committee keeps a stable knowledge base.
- Stipends for people with lived experience that qualify as a Class 1 group under [Senate Bill 5793](#).
- Public meetings.
- Future agendas.

# Stay involved

- Attend all meetings and be prepared to share, actively participate, and vote on recommendations.
- Help promote WFTC and drive awareness among your communities and networks. Invite WFTC representatives to do presentations.
- Get familiar with the website content: [workingfamiliescredit.wa.gov](http://workingfamiliescredit.wa.gov)
- Review charter and be prepared to discuss at next meeting.
- Questions?  
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