



119TH FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM 2025





CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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The City of San Antonio's 119th Congress Federal Legislative Program outlines our community's policy priorities and legislative goals. The program aims to improve residents' quality of life through policy and funding. The Government Affairs Department advocates on behalf of San Antonio residents to secure the authority and resources needed to deliver quality services. The City of San Antonio's legislative priorities can only be accomplished in collaboration and alignment with community partners and federal agencies.



ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Support legislation and funding that expands the availability of affordable housing through production incentives, tax credits, and innovative programs to address the shortage and high-cost of housing.

Support increased funding and expansion of housing and community development programs, such as the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and programs that enhance the community's Continuum of Care to assist people experiencing and at-risk of homelessness.

Support the extension and improvements to the Opportunity Zone program to boost private investments in affordable housing.

Support the protection of tax-exempt municipal bonds as a critical tool to finance infrastructure projects.

Support funding and administrative actions to assist the development and implementation of economic development and tourism initiatives in the downtown and surrounding areas.



MILITARY PROTECTION

Sustain and enhance Joint Base San Antonio's (JBSA) mission readiness and ensure the long-term protection of the region's military bases by helping to preserve, protect, and grow military missions; such as those engaged in the space domain, military medicine, and cyber initiatives; installations, and to improve military family quality of life in the San Antonio region.



PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY

Support expanded funding dedicated to supporting public safety, lowering crime, and enhancing transparency, engagement and accountability through traditional and emerging grant programs, domestic violence prevention, anti-trafficking/anti-smuggling programs, office training and equipment programs.

Support programs and increased funding to promote a multijurisdictional, multi-disciplinary approach to regional prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and resiliency from a terrorist attack, cyber attack, or natural disaster, such as FEMA's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP), the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, and the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

Support full reimbursement of money owed to the City under FEMA programs.



INFRASTRUCTURE, RESILIENCY, & TRANSPORTATION

Support and advocate for increased direct federal funding for local governments to expand and improve multi-modal transportation, transit, aviation, and other infrastructure necessary to meet San Antonio's continued economic and population growth.

Support the streamlining of federal policies and procedures to expedite the development and construction of local infrastructure projects.

Support funding and programs to increase San Antonio's resiliency and prepare for and mitigate the effects of climate change, including extreme heat events and flooding.

Support the preservation and revitalization of community spaces and recreational facilities.

Support funding and agency rules to increase access to fast, reliable, and affordable internet for all San Antonians.



WORKFORCE

Support funding for workforce, education and training programs, including apprenticeship programs, for adults and youth transitioning to the workforce.

Support the creation and expansion of programs that provide affordable, high-quality, childcare and education to prepare children for success and allow parents to participate in the workforce more easily.



PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Support funding and programs that increase access to healthy food and help reduce food insecurity.

Support universal access to healthcare and increased public health funding to continue and expand programs that help address San Antonio's most critical health challenges.

Support funding for local programs that help address domestic violence through prevention and intervention.



ADVANCEMENT OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS

Support federal regulations and legislation which would clearly benefit the City and its residents and oppose any regulations and legislation that would clearly be adverse to the City's and residents' interests.

Support the protection of civil rights and federal nondiscrimination statutes and regulations based on race, color, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, age, or national origin.

Partnerships

The City of San Antonio coordinated with local partners in support of their legislative agendas that enhance the health, safety, and vitality of the community, provided it does not conflict with the City's own legislative agenda.