



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Government Affairs

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sally Basurto

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Federal Overview and proposed Federal Legislative Program for the 119th U.S. Congress.

SUMMARY:

Staff will provide an overview of federal funding in the FY 25 Adopted Budget, a high-level summary from the City's federal consultants on recent actions by the new Administration and the City's process for evaluating potential impacts to the City organization. With this context, the staff will propose the Federal Legislative Program for the 119th Congress.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio's FY 2025 Adopted Budget includes approximately \$325.5 million in federal funding for critical programs and services for the community. Departments that receive the most federal funding include Human Services, Aviation, Metro Health, Neighborhood Housing Services and Police. None of these federal funding sources have been impacted at this time; however, staff is monitoring potential changes due to the new Administration, and the proposed Federal Legislative Program was developed with a focus on preserving these programs.

The United States Congress' 119th Session began on January 3, 2025, and ends on January 3, 2027. Prior to each congressional session, Government Affairs (GA) develops a legislative program with City Council input and approval. The program provides direction and guides the

City's advocacy on behalf of the San Antonio community with members of the San Antonio Congressional Delegation, key members of Congress, federal agencies, and the administration.

Development of the City of San Antonio's new Federal Legislative Program began in July 2024 in collaboration with City Departments. The selected priorities are drawn from the City's various strategic plans previously approved by City Council and developed in consultation with City departments, federal consultants, the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the San Antonio Congressional Delegation, and community partners. The proposed Federal Legislative Program includes the priorities and issues developed with input from the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee. The IGR Committee was briefed and provided input on the proposed program on November 5, 2024.

The federal program is designed to be strategic and impactful, align with the priorities of the San Antonio community and help advance a strong and thriving city.

The proposed Federal Legislative Program is comprised of the following pillars:

- **Housing**
- **Military Protection**
- **Public Safety & Homeland Security**
- **Infrastructure, Resiliency & Transportation**
- **Workforce**
- **Public Health & Human Services**
- **Advancement of Community Interests**

ISSUE:

The 119th Congress began on January 3, 2024. It is City Council policy to develop a legislative program for each congress that aligns with the community's priorities to guide the City's advocacy efforts.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not recommend any action