



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Government Affairs

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sally Basurto

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

The City of San Antonio's Federal Legislative Program for the 118th Congress.

SUMMARY:

Briefing on the City of San Antonio's proposed Federal Legislative Program for the 118th Congress.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The United States Congress' 118th Session begins on January 3, 2023 through January 3, 2025. 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 with members of the San Antonio Congressional Delegation, key members of Congress, and federal agencies, and the administration.

Development of the City of San Antonio's new Federal Legislative Program began in July 2022

in collaboration with City Departments and the City's federal consultant team. 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 final proposed Federal Legislative Program presented to full City Council will include the priorities and issues developed with input from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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

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

- **Infrastructure & Resiliency** – Support for programs and additional funding to enhance and improve San Antonio infrastructure.
- **Housing** – Support for tax credits and programs to improve the availability of affordable housing, including programs to support the homeless population.
- **Workforce & Training** – Supporting the reauthorization and funding of workforce, education, and training programs.
- **Public Health and Human Services** – Supporting the reauthorization and funding of programs that reduce food insecurity, increase access to healthcare, and provide humanitarian relief to migrants.
- **Economic & Community Development** – Support for funding to invest in technology, manufacturing, historic buildings, and legislative initiatives to expand air service at SAT.
- **Military Protection** – Support to ease access to care at military medical installations and the military community in San Antonio.
- **Public Safety** – Support for programs and additional funding for programs to help reduce crime and prepare San Antonio against natural and man-made disasters.

GA staff seeks input from the IGR Committee. Once approved by the IGR Committee, GA will present the proposed Federal Legislative Program to the full City Council at a B Session in January.

ISSUE:

The 118th Congress begins on January 3, 2023. It is City Council policy to develop a legislative program for each congress that aligns with Council priorities to guide the City's advocacy efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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