

Federal Lobbying

Congressionally Directed Spending
Requests and DC Trip Materials





Congressionally Directed Spending Requests



- **Congressionally Directed Spending Requests:**
 - Provide limited amounts of funding for specific projects not funded through regular appropriations
 - Similar to small grants
 - Open to AZ local governments, universities and community colleges and some state organizations
- **Very quick turnaround time/ submission window**



Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

- The City's requests were developed through collaboration with City Leadership, Grants & Contracts and Nexxus Consulting
- Requests were selected based on the following criteria:
 - Fit within an eligible federal account
 - Shovel ready or advanced budget estimates or project plans available
 - Cost of \$1M - \$4M, ideally submitting projects with a range of costs
 - Local match available
 - Cover a variety of topical areas



Congressionally Directed Spending Requests



FY25 Requests

Amtrak Station Platform Improvements	\$3.85M
Airport Terminal Expansion, Accessibility and Drainage Improvements	\$1.2M
La Plaza Vieja Phase 2 Infrastructure Improvements	\$1M
Fanning Wash Flood Mitigations	\$3M
Sustainable Biochar Facility at Flagstaff Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$4M

Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

Next steps

- Five requests submitted to Senators Kelly and Sinema prior to the April 5, 2024 deadline
- Five requests will be submitted to Representatives Gallego and Stanton once their submission portals open
- Educating lawmakers about our requests during the DC trip



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Lobbying Packet



- **Process**

- Extensive work with our federal lobbyists Bob Holmes and Ana Ma to identify politically salient topics
- Additions to the packet were submitted from various divisions
- Each section gives a general overview of a problem or need germane to Flagstaff
 - Then includes a more specific ask

Lobbying Packet

Topics of discussion

- Rio de Flag Flood Control Project
- Forest health
- Amtrak
- Affordable housing
- Pulliam Airport
- Congressionally Directed Spending requests
- Environmental Protection Agency grand application
- Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA) renewal and discretionary grant programs





DC Lobbying Trip

- Attendees include Mayor Becky Daggett, Vice Mayor Austin Aslan, Councilmember Jim McCarthy, City Manager Greg Clifton, Deputy City Manager Joanne Keene, and Senior Project Manager Christine Cameron
- Tuesday, April 30
 - Mayor, Council, and Staff will arrive in DC at 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 1st
- First day on Capitol Hill
 - Meetings with lawmakers & federal agencies
- Thursday, May 2nd
 - Meetings with lawmakers and federal agencies
 - Fly back to Flagstaff in the evening

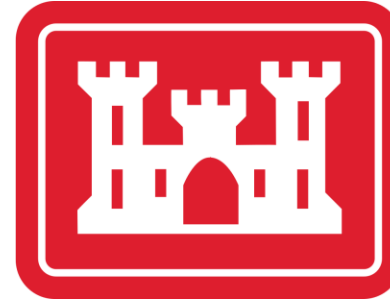


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Key meetings will include:

- Senator Kelly
- Senator Sinema
- Congressman Eli Crane
- Congressman Ruben Gallego
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Transportation
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Department of Agriculture
- Environmental Protection Agency
- And more



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Schedule



Wednesday, May 1st, 2024:

7:30 am – Bob will meet you for breakfast at the hotel.

XXXXX – meeting with Congressman Ruben Gallego to discuss Rio de Flag, forest health, Pulliam Airport, and appropriations requests in 1114 Longworth HOB – Contact: Jose Contreras, (202) 225-4065

XXXXX – meeting with Associate Administrator for Airports, Shanetta Griffin, at 800 Independence Avenue, to discuss Snow Removal Equipment Building for Pulliam Airport – Contact: Shiree Killens, (202) 267-9471 or 2971.

????? – meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs Kurt Usowski of HUD at 451 7th Street, SW, Room 8204 to discuss Fair Market Rents (FMR) – Contact: Adam Bibler, 202-402-5899.

XXXX pm to XXXX pm – LUNCH

XXXXX – Meeting with Evan Wessel, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Department of Transportation, and Landon Bailey, Special Assistant, at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW, to discuss RAISE grant for Beulah Road – Contact: Toiyriah Turner, (202) 763-6802 or Landon Bailey, (202) 924-4270

XXXXX – meeting with Senator Kyrsten Sinema and Chris Phalen and Dan Winkler of her staff to discuss Rio de Flag, forest health, Pulliam Airport, and appropriations requests in the President's Room of the U.S. Capitol – Contact: Courtney Sauder, (202) 224-4521.

XXXXX – meeting with Congressman Greg Stanton in 207 Cannon House Office Building to discuss Rio de Flag, forest health, Pulliam Airport, and appropriations requests – Contact: Ricardo Uribe-Campos (202) 225-9998.

XXXXX – meeting with Congressman Eli Crane in 1229 Longworth House Office Building to discuss Rio de Flag, forest health, Pulliam Airport – Contact: Courtney Buzzetti, (202) 225-3361

XXXXX – meeting with Senator Mark Kelly (and Joe Russell of his staff) in 516 Hart SOB to discuss Rio de Flag, forest health, Pulliam Airport, and appropriations requests – Contact: Naomi Shinbaum, (202) 224-2235

????? – meeting with Congressman Paul Gosar in 2057 Rayburn House Office Building to discuss Rio de Flag, forest health and Pulliam Airport – Contact: Leslie Rath Foti, (202) 225-2315.

XXXXX – meeting with Agriculture Deputy Undersecretary Meryl Harrell to discuss 4FRI, FWPP, ERI and other forest health related issues at 1400 Independence Avenue – Contact: Amanda Lockwood, (202) 720-7174.

XXXXX – meeting with Susan Lucas, Deputy Chief of the South Pacific Region of the Army Corps, and Julia Harvey, Senior Planner at 441 G Street, NW to discuss Rio de Flag – Contact: Veronica Bell, (202) 761-4814 or Susan, (904) 860-2211.

XXXXX - Meeting with Arnita Hannon at IGA - Environmental Protection Agency (1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW) to discuss the CPRG grant application - Contact: Arnita Hannon - (202) 302-9109.

7:30 pm – White House West Wing Tour with Rick Hart and Zion Tims – 17th Street and State Place Security Entrance

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024:

Council Direction

- Staff is requesting:
 - Retroactive approval of the five congressionally directed spending requests
 - Approval of the DC lobbying packet and draft schedule

