



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

## DRAFT 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities

### TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

**Rio de Flag Flood Control Project** - Utilizing the \$52 million in secured funding, support expedited award and completion of the project while working with the Army Corps, BNSF Railway and the Arizona Dept. of Transportation to ultimately remove more than half of the City's residents, as well as the downtown and NAU areas, from the flood plain and protect more than \$1 billion in assets.

**Red Gap Ranch Regional Pipeline Project** – Advocate for the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Act (NAIWRSA) and for the Red Gap Regional Pipeline project that will assure a 100-year water supply for the City of Flagstaff while also providing important water quality and assurity for the surrounding tribal nations.

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)** - Pursue competitive grants and formula funds from the IIJA to finance high-priority infrastructure projects within the City, while also working to reauthorize the important programs from the IIJA in the new surface transportation reauthorization bill.

**Transportation** - Advocate for projects, policies and legislation that strengthen multi-modal transportation systems and adopt a transformative transportation planning approach, in line with the City's Active Transportation Master Plan and the Carbon Neutrality Plan. Promote investments in clean transportation infrastructure, including public transit, electric vehicle charging, and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.

**Water and Stormwater Infrastructure** – Utilize funding dedicated by the IIJA and other legislation to complement and improve City water and stormwater infrastructure. Advocate for assistance to upgrade infrastructure to withstand catastrophic events such as flooding, storms, and forest fires.

**Flagstaff Pulliam Airport** – Advocate for funding for projects included in the Flagstaff Pulliam Airport five-year Capital Improvement Program, specifically the need for discretionary construction funding for the upcoming new Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) building.

### ENVIRONMENT

**Energy Independence** - Support legislation and funding to scale up local renewable energy installations and energy sovereignty, focusing on education and job development. Invest in grid infrastructure to enhance energy storage and smart grid technology. Protect and expand renewable energy and energy efficiency tax credits for cities, schools, businesses, and residents.



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**Securing Arizona's Fair Share of Investments** - Urge Congress to protect investments in Arizona's clean technology economy, including federal funding that supports workforce training and jobs in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and transportation electrification.

**Forest Health** – Utilize federal funding to support important regional projects to reduce wildfire risk to forested communities. Advocate for collaborative prescribed fire policies that both increase acres treated and support the development of a technically skilled workforce.

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

**Affordable Housing** – Support legislation to create a middle-income housing tax credit. Promote direct funding for local governments to accelerate housing development, including CDBG, HOME, and the Housing Trust Fund. Promote full funding adjusted for inflation for Public Housing and capital funds, as well as the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program and programs for veterans' housing. Remove income targeting requirements to establish a more streamlined and fair approach to housing eligible households, ensuring consistency regardless of variations in local and state minimum wages.

**Fire and Flood Insurance** – Advocate for affordable and accessible flood insurance policies for Flagstaff residents. Work to ensure that FEMA deems post-wildfire flooding during monsoon season as an emergency under the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG). Support efforts to ensure affordable and accessible fire insurance coverage for Flagstaff residents. Promote policy action aligned with recommendations of the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission.

**Rural Broadband** – Utilize federal funding for rural broadband access and capacity to encourage and develop economic activity, including allowing for remote education, business attraction, revenue creation and the attraction of remote workers.