



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

## Draft - 2026 Federal Legislative Priorities

### TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

**Rio de Flag Flood Control Project** - Utilize the \$84 million in federal and local funding to support expedited award and completion of Phase 4 of the project while working with the Army Corps, BNSF Railway, and the Arizona Department 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 (NAIW RSA). Advocate for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) technical studies and federal funding of the Red Gap Regional Water Supply project. The Regional Project will assure water resiliency and water redundancy for the City of Flagstaff's future needs, while also providing important water quality, economies of scale, and economic opportunities for the Navajo Nation, Arizona State Land Department, and other stakeholders along the I-40 corridor. In July 2025, the BOR found in a value planning process with the City and Navajo Nation that the region is “one fire away” from needing the project online today.

**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.

**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 surface transportation reauthorization bill.

**Transportation** - Advocate for projects, policies and legislation that strengthen transformative transportation planning approaches, in line with complete street 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.



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## ENVIRONMENT

**Forest Health** – Utilize federal funding to support important regional projects to reduce wildfire risk to forested communities, such as the Four Forest Restoration Initiative and the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project. Advocate for collaborative beneficial fire policies that both increase acres treated and support the development of a technically skilled workforce. Promote policy action aligned with recommendations of the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission and the Fix Our Forests Act.

**Energy Independence** - Support legislation and funding to advance energy independence through investment in energy storage and emerging technologies. Prioritize workforce development and education programs that prepare communities for careers in energy technology.

**Securing Arizona's Fair Share of Investments** - Urge Congress to protect investments in Arizona's emerging technology, including federal funding that supports workforce training and jobs in northern Arizona.

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

**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).

**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.

**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.