



Legislative Priorities

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Legislative Priorities

- Approved every year by Council
- Broad, overarching positions on various issues
 - Infrastructure, housing, sustainability, etc.
- Not overly prescriptive or specific
- Guide staff and contract lobbyists throughout the year
- Succinct, easy to understand, & easy to communicate
- Strategic, unique to Flagstaff



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2025 State Legislative Priorities

GUIDING PRIORITIES

Preserve Local Control - Support legislation that preserves or enhances the City's ability to govern locally and oppose legislation that reduces or restricts the City's local authority.

State Shared Revenues - Protect (and recover) state shared revenues to municipalities and oppose new legislation seeking to divert shared revenues away from municipalities.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Transportation - Advocate for additional funding to plan, build, preserve, modernize, and expand transportation and infrastructure projects that impact northern Arizona and our tribal partners. Support investments in clean transportation infrastructure, including public transit, electric vehicle charging, and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.

Resilience and Preparedness - Advocate for assistance to upgrade infrastructure to withstand catastrophic events such as flooding, storms, and forest fires.

Flagstaff Pulliam Airport – Protect the State Aviation Fund (similar to HURF) and emphasize the need to use funds for airport maintenance and operations. Discourage transfers out of the fund for non-aviation expenditures.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Affordable Housing - Support legislation and seek funding in support of affordable housing, including the renewal of the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH), renewal of the State Affordable Housing Tax Credit program, and funding for the Arizona Housing Trust Fund. Join cities across the state in prioritizing the creation of housing units while retaining local control in areas related to housing development.



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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.

Creation of Legislative Priorities

- Now
 - Staff updates priorities
 - Lobbyists add input
- Dec. 9
 - Council discusses priorities, hears input from public, and requests edits or additions
- Dec 16
 - Staff updates priorities as requested by Council
 - Council approves final priorities for use in 2026



2026 Legislative requests



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LIHTC Funding for Affordable Housing in Flagstaff

Housing developments built with the assistance of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) play a critical role in Flagstaff's goal to create more affordable housing. Since the creation of LIHTC, over 885 units have been built in Flagstaff for residents making up to 60% of the Area Median Income. This means more housing units available for Arizona teachers, police officers, firefighters and others who work to meet important needs in our communities.

One of the newest LIHTC developments in Flagstaff, Sierra on 66, offers over 221 one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments. Flagstaff seniors also benefit from the LIHTC program. Last year, the Flagstaff City Council allocated bond funding for the development of the San Francisco Square Apartments, which will create over 70 apartments for lower-income seniors.

The lack of funding for LIHTC in Arizona's current state budget represents a significant setback in building the affordable housing units our state's residents need. **The City of Flagstaff is requesting that funding be allocated to Arizona's LIHTC program in the FY2027 state budget.**



Sierra on 66 LIHTC development in Flagstaff, AZ



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Questions?

