

# City of Flagstaff

## 2026 Legislative Requests



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### Rio de Flag

- Encourage BNSF’s continued participation in expediting a reasonable and cost-effective solution for USACE and the City to deliver the project (with a focus on approving the agency agreements for Phase 4).
- Encourage USACE to provide \$16M to begin construction of Phase 4 (Lower Reach) in 2027 and approve the Post Authorization Change Report to reestablish the authorized project costs and fund the total project through the Water Resources Development Act.

### Forest Health

- Allocate \$5M for timber projects within the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project as part of a \$25M 4FRI funding commitment.
- Pass the Fix Our Forests Act (FOFA) with a renewed focus on community wildfire risk reduction programs that proactively address wildfire risk reduction actions.



### NAIWRSA

- Continue support for the passage of the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement (NAIWRSA)
- Continue support and assistance in obtaining an appraisal level study through the BOR.

# Congressionally Directed Spending Requests

The City has submitted three requests for FY27. These requests were included in FY25 appropriations but were not funded due to the continuing resolution.

1. Flagstaff Airport Terminal Expansion, Accessibility and Drainage Improvements (Design & Construction) - \$1.4M
2. Flagstaff La Plaza Vieja Phase 2 Infrastructure - \$1.5M Improvements
3. Flagstaff Biochar Facility: Managing Biosolids and Forest Treatment Residue - \$4M

## Housing

- Maintain or increase funding for federal housing programs
- Retain flexibility for local governments to leverage state and local resources towards community-specific housing solutions.

## Transportation

- Preserve discretionary grant funding in the surface transportation funding bill, including the INFRA and BUILD grants.
- Population-based formulas do not help rural areas as they do not provide enough funding to actually build projects.

