



## 2021 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### Expand COVID-19 Relief

- Expand COVID-19 supplemental relief assistance to include cities with populations less than 500,000 that did not receive previous direct CARES Act funding.
- Streamline and expedite the FEMA Public Assistance Program reimbursement process for both natural disasters and COVID-19 expenditures.

### Build a Sustainable Infrastructure

- Support FEMA, HUD and other federal disaster preparation and recovery programs that provide for climate resiliency and flood mitigation projects.
- Support timely reauthorization of FAST Act transportation funding, FTA, and other opportunities to augment no-lo emission efforts and expand bicycle/pedestrian facilities.
- Encourage expansion of FCC broadband programs to include underserved urban areas.
- Increase options for pilot programs to expand carbon-neutral and renewable energy sources.
- Support funding for water infrastructure and other zero waste efforts.
- Adopt a federal climate action plan that addresses meeting municipal environmental goals.
- Allow EPA to establish science-based PFAS drinking water criteria using existing authorities.
- Expand opportunities to develop artificial intelligence (AI), smart infrastructure, crowd analytics, and other technology projects to enhance livability, workability, and sustainability.

### Create More Job Opportunities

- Determine best use in redevelopment of local US Department of Labor Job Corps site.
- Position the expansion of new job training opportunities for a post-COVID world via partnership with other stakeholders and prospective assistance from US Commerce's EDA.
- Update the federal Opportunity Zone program to better encourage private investment in underserved areas of the City.

### Address Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Public Health, & Food Security

- Continue funding for CDBG, HOME, and other programs while promoting equity in housing.
- Adopt a proposed federal housing plan that includes expanding voucher availability, offering tax credits for renters, and incentivizing local communities to implement new policies.
- Prevent homelessness through furtherance of the ESG grant program for local CoC work.
- Enhance public health through support of our Community Resource Paramedicine Program.
- Secure funding to improve access, justice, and sustainability in our local food system via Healthy Corner Store initiatives, food workforce development, and a food hub establishment.

### Promote Public Safety and Reduce Violence

- Ensure sufficient federal funding streams are in place and appropriations are directly made locally for various emergency services, mental health, and violence prevention needs.
- Enhance JAG Byrne Grant funding, especially for technological advancement and provide funds for additional training on racial and gender bias, community policing, and de-escalation.