

2024 CITY OF LARGO FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA



The City of Largo supports the following legislative priorities for the second session of the 118th United States Congress. We look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship with our federal delegation partners as we seek to implement innovative and forward-thinking policies that will position the city for the future.

PRIORITIES

- Public Safety
- Disaster Preparedness
- Homeless Assistance
- Community Project Funding Program
- Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- Transportation
- Sustainability & Resilience
- National Flood Insurance Program
- Older Americans Act
- Simplifying Grants Act
- Economic Development
- Community Development Block Grant

PRIORITY STATEMENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY: SUPPORTS continuation and expansion of grant programs to local law enforcement agencies and fire departments for training, equipment, and advanced public safety technologies.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: SUPPORTS federal investments in disaster preparedness and emergency planning to mitigate the impact of natural disasters on communities.

SUPPORTS adequate funding of programs that assist local governments in disaster response and recovery.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE: SUPPORTS adequately funding the Continuum of Care (CoC) program along with other federal resources to assist local governments in providing permanent housing and supportive services to unsheltered homeless individuals and families.

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM: SUPPORTS the Community Project Funding Program to leverage federal and local dollars for energy, public safety, wastewater, and other eligible projects.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH:

SUPPORTS renewal and increased funding of the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG) and the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG).

TRANSPORTATION: SUPPORTS provisions that strengthen the role of local governments in decision-making for federal transportation projects.

SUPPORTS policies that implement transportation technologies to increase safety, reduce emissions and reduce congestion.

SUPPORTS federal investments in public transit to increase accessibility and connectivity.

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE: SUPPORTS policies and funding that help strengthen community resilience to natural hazards such as sea level rise, flooding, and extreme heat that integrate emission mitigation co-benefits.

SUPPORTS funding and incentives to retrofit public buildings for energy efficiency.

SUPPORTS incentives and funding that continue the path towards affordable 100 percent clean energy for businesses and consumers.

SUPPORTS incentives to increase energy equity for low-income populations.

SUPPORTS policies and funding that strengthen electric transportation and electric fueling infrastructure.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM:

SUPPORTS reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program with provisions to ensure long-term solvency, equitability, and affordability of premiums for policyholders.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT:

SUPPORTS reauthorization of the Older Americans Act with increased funding for vital senior services, including home-delivered and congregate meals, health and wellness, caregiver support, and senior employment programs.

SIMPLIFYING GRANTS ACT: SUPPORTS the Simplifying Grants Act to streamline federal grant applications, reporting requirements, and extending application windows to make federal funding more accessible to local governments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: SUPPORTS a coordinated national approach that allows flexibility for local communities and economic regions to determine their own land use priorities.

SUPPORTS efficient land use management that conserves limited resources and promotes sustainable development.

SUPPORTS a bipartisan plan for a \$1 billion appropriation for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund to provide financial services to underserved markets that have higher rates of unemployment and small business failures.

SUPPORTS direct federal funding to communities, through programs like the Workforce Investment Act and funding for industry-specific programs.

SUPPORTS expanding the Small Business Administration and Economic Development Administration programs that provide technical assistance, start-up capital, and management training to companies.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:

SUPPORTS fully funding the Community Development Block Grant to provide adequate resources for low- and moderate-income neighborhood revitalization and incentivize critical public/private partnerships.

SUPPORTS increasing flexibility in administrative and public service spending caps and streamlining the grant process to increase efficiency and lower administrative burdens.

SUPPORTS increasing the threshold for provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act to \$200,000 consistent with Section 3 covered projects.