

September 25, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the 119th Session of the United States Congress convenes in January 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the 119th Congress will consider many issues that affect local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas wishes to express its desires and concerns regarding federal issues by adopting a legislative program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas has developed recommendations for the federal legislative agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs was briefed on this matter on December 11, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs was briefed on this matter on May 7, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs was briefed on this matter on August 27, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dallas City Council was briefed on this matter on September 18, 2024.

**Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the City of Dallas' Federal Legislative Program for the 119th Session of the United States Congress is hereby adopted.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Manager is directed to communicate the items included in the Federal Legislative Program and the impact on Dallas residents to members of the United States Congress.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.



# 2025 Federal Legislative Program



**Maintain local authority to respond to the unique needs of the Dallas community.**



Provide additional tools for local law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety for Dallas.

- Increase funding for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).
- Increase protections and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors.
- Modernize law enforcement tools to include safer technologies.



Secure protections for residents at greatest risk of displacement and tools to address affordable housing.

- Expand tools for seniors to age in place.
- Modernize and increase funding for HOME/CDBG/LIHTC.
- Seek funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities.



Promotes job creation and private investment to grow the tax base and create economic opportunities.

- Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline.
- Expand broadband connectivity for all residents.



Deliver effective and efficient government services, while being fiscally responsible.

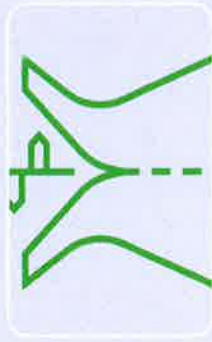
- Maintain the tax exemption for municipal bonds, including private activity bonds, and reinstate advance refunding for municipal bonds.
- Protect resident and commercial data.
- Support measured use and regulation of artificial intelligence.



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Maintain local authority  
to respond to the unique needs of the Dallas community.



Protect and enhance the City's infrastructure network while continuing to deliver innovative and safe solutions.

Pursue tools to implement the City of Dallas' Vision Zero Mobility Safety Plan.

Support transparency in utility operations and grid reliability.



Support resource sustainability, conservation and environmental justice to build a more resilient city.

Support funding for Dallas parks, trails, and playgrounds.

Support resource sustainability, conservation and environmental justice.



Foster community while offering recreational, educational, and cultural activities.

Study, implement, and make accessible harm reduction strategies to combat the opioid epidemic.

Promote proper mental and physical healthcare for all.



Ensure Dallas is a welcoming community for all residents, businesses, and visitors.

Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities.

Expand funding, eligibility, and access for nutrition programs.





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## **PURSUE**

1. Maintain local control and preserve tools to respond to the specific needs of the Dallas community.
2. Maintain the tax exemption for municipal bonds, including private activity bonds, and reinstate advance refunding for municipal bonds. (GPFM)
3. Increase in funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). (PS)
4. Study, implement, and make accessible harm reduction strategies to combat the opioid epidemic. (QOL)
5. Expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program to include blight remediation, encourage mixed-income development, and rename the program. (HHS)
6. Modernize and expand funding for housing programs including the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. (HHS)
7. Expand funding, eligibility, and access for SNAP, WIC, MOW, and other nutrition programs. (WEE)
8. Tools to further implement the City of Dallas' Vision Zero mobility safety plan. (TRNI)
9. Expand broadband connectivity for all residents. (ED)
10. Funding for Dallas parks, trails, and playgrounds. (PTE)



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## **SUPPORT**

1. Maintain local control and preserve tools to respond to the specific needs of the Dallas community.
2. Increase protections, support and resources to prevent domestic violence and human trafficking. (PS)
3. Modernize law enforcement tools to include safer technologies. (PS)
4. Responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiatives that will reduce city expenses and modernize city operations. (GPFM)
5. Remove barriers to grow the housing stock and preserve and expand tools to preserve homeownership. (HHS)
6. Funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by municipalities as a regional service. (HHS)
7. Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline and support the growth of small business enterprises. (ED)
8. Funding for the upkeep and renewal of water, wastewater, storm drainage systems, and mobility infrastructure. (TRNI)
9. Industries of sustainability, resiliency, and green infrastructure. (PTE)
10. Post-incarceration programs, re-entry services, and eliminate criminal history inquiries on initial employment applications. (WEE)



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## MONITOR

1. Protect whistleblowers and maintain ethical standards and accountability in the workplace. (WEE)
2. Enhance Point-in-Time Process to ensure homeless population is accurately reflected. (HHS)
3. Protect privacy and security of resident and commercial data. (GPFM)
4. Support transparency in utility operations and ensure reliable service delivery to all consumers for sustainable communities. (TRNI)
5. Ensure sustainability of our natural resources, including lakes, reservoirs, and water supply. (PTE)
6. Legalize marijuana and seek additional research metrics regarding its economic, health and safety effects. (QOL)
7. Promote proper mental and physical healthcare for all. (QOL)
8. Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, seniors, youth and refugees. (QOL)
9. Expand resources to foster and post foster children. (WEE)
10. Protect tenant rights and the right to cure during eviction process (HHS).
11. Increase funding for the Department of Family and Adult Protective Services. (WEE)
12. Support resources for local government services for immigrants and humanitarian responses. (WEE)
13. Increase funding to promote the arts, museum, and library services. (QOL)



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## OPPOSE

- Any attempts to erode local control.
- Any bill provision that would negatively impact municipal financial health, such as ending tax-exempt municipal bonds.
- A repeal of the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Provisions in any reauthorization bills that would cut funding to local governments.



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