

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 19, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

SUBJECT **Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs Update**

On Tuesday, August 2, the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs was briefed on government and legislative relations. The Committee began initial considerations of the legislative priorities for the upcoming 88th Texas Legislature and 118th Congress, which may be advanced in the City's final adopted program for 2023. The final legislative programs for the City Council review will be prioritized in context of current affairs and additional considerations which may impact the viability of a particular item reaching a successful conclusion during the legislative session.

The legislative team is communicating with external stakeholders regarding potential program considerations to ensure partners have an opportunity to submit input. It is anticipated that following the City Council adoption of the state and federal legislative priorities, final materials will be posted on the Government Affairs website [here](#).

Following are responses to inquiries received during the August 2nd legislative committee meeting:

- **City of Dallas Grants** – Please find attached a chart outlining City of Dallas grant programs regularly applied for and received at the state and federal levels, aligned with legislative priority areas. These programs may be considered for legislative activity to maintain the funding stream or secure additional funding.
- **DPD/School District Outreach** – As noted during the committee meeting, DPD hosted its first active shooter joint-exercise with Dallas ISD, DPD School Resource Officers assigned to Richardson ISD and Dallas Fire-Rescue on Tuesday, July 27. DPD will host similar exercises with every school district in the City of Dallas. DPD has reached out to multiple districts/police departments including Plano, Carrollton-Farmers Branch, Duncanville, Grand Prairie, and Mesquite to begin planning these threat exercises.
- **Organizational memberships** – The Office of Government Affairs staff is preparing administrative actions for renewal of the following memberships and programs in anticipation of the City Council's approval of the FY23 budget:
 - Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
 - National League of Cities
 - North Texas Commission
 - TEX-21
 - Texas Municipal League
 - U.S. Conference of Mayors

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- **Lobbyist contracts** – The Office of Government Affairs staff is currently preparing the state and federal lobbyist contracts for City Council consideration in September 2022.

Please submit to Linley.Youderian@dallas.gov any final proposed legislative items advanced by your committee by Friday, August 26, to be considered at the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs on Thursday, September 8.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs is expected to finalize recommendations to the City Council in September for adoption of the City's 2023 state legislative program for the 88th Texas Legislature and federal priorities for the 118th Congress.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



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[Attachment]

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Federal and State Grant Programs by Legislative Priority

Legislative Priority	Federal Programs	State Programs
Public Safety	<p>Department of Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Crimes Against Children • Justice Assistance Grants • Community Oriented Policing Services Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Microgrants ○ Technology Grants ○ Crisis Intervention Teams ○ Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act • Rifle Resistant Body Armor • Body-Worn Camera • Project Safe Neighborhood • Victim’s Services • Click-it or Ticket • Smart Policing <p>Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeland Security Grant Program (Urban Areas Security Initiative, Strategic Highway Safety Plan) • Regional Catastrophic Planning • Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack Planning • Assistance to Firefighters Grant • Fire Prevention and Safety 	<p>Commission on State Emergency Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas 911 (H.B 2911 funding – authorized but not funded) <p>Office of the Governor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Responder Mental Health Program (authorized but not funded) <p>Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Fund (LEOSE)</p>

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<p>Economic/Workforce Development</p>	<p>Economic Development Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Works 	
<p>Housing</p>	<p>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS, ESG Rapid Rehousing Fair Housing Assistance Program Neighborhood Stabilization 	<p>Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing and Health Services Program
<p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<p>Department of Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident Management <p>Environmental Protection Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program Brownfields Environmental Justice Funding <p>Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperating Technical Partners 	<p>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Clean Fleets Alternative Fuel Facility Program Air Monitoring
<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Department of Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant <p>Department of Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airport Improvement Program 	<p>Texas Department of Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Ribbon Funding

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface Transportation Block Grant • Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality • Transportation Alternatives Program, including Safe Routes to Schools • Highway Safety Improvement Program • Signalization Improvements • Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment • Mega/Infrastructure for Rebuilding America • Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity • Transit Oriented Development Planning • New Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reconnecting Communities ○ Safe Streets & Routes for All ○ Bridge Discretionary ○ Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation <p>Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Hazard Potential Dams • Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities • Hazard Mitigation <p>Department of the Interior/Reclamation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WaterSMART • Revolving Loan Funds 	

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<p>Vulnerable Populations</p>	<p>United States Department of Health and Human Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children <p>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Treatment Court <p>Department of Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran’s Treatment Court <p>Corporation for National and Community Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Americorps VISTA <p>U.S. Department of Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmer’s Market Promotional Program • Urban Agriculture Programs • Composting and Food Waste Reduction 	<p>Texas Veteran’s Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Veteran’s Treatment Court <p>Texas Department of Criminal Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Department of Criminal Justice Reentry Pilot Program <p>Texas Health and Human Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex Trafficking Prevention Needs Assessment Program
<p>Quality of Life, Arts and Culture</p>	<p>National Park Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Rights Grants • Saving America’s Treasures • Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership <p>Federal Highway Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Recreational Trails <p>Institute of Museum and Library Services Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Humanities Grants 	<p>Texas Park and Wildlife</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Parks • Outdoor/Indoor Recreation Programs <p>Texas Commission on the Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural District Program • Arts Creates

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants to State Library Agencies <p>National Endowment for the Humanities/National Endowment for the Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Humanities Programs• Challenge America• Our Town	