



# **CITY OF EL PASO FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**FFY 2026-Q2 Implementation  
Update and Discussion**

**STRATEGIC AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  
Work Session: April 13, 2025**



# Council Update

Presentation, discussion and update on the City of El Paso's Federal legislative agenda for the 119<sup>th</sup> United States Congress

**Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management**

# FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: 119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

- Details principles and priorities that guide advocacy on federal issues impacting the City
- Promotes federal funding and supportive legislation for key City projects, reducing taxpayer burden

**Advanced Manufacturing District**



**Ysleta-Zaragoza Port of Entry**



**Fort Bliss Partnership and Agreements**



**Deck Plaza Development**



\*Full Agenda available at [this link](#)

# QUARTERLY UPDATES: YEAR-IN-REVIEW

FFY2026-Q2 marks a year since Council approved the Federal Legislative Agenda for 119<sup>th</sup> Congress, and held discussion on “El Paso Days in DC”

FFY 2025	Q1: Oct - Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Legislative Agenda for 119<sup>th</sup> Congress drafted with department input</li> </ul>
	Q2: Jan- Mar	<p>→ <a href="#">March 3, 2025 City Council: Federal Legislative Agenda approved</a></p>
	Q3: Apr – Jun	<p>→ <a href="#">April 14, 2025 City Council: El Paso Days in DC discussion</a></p>
	Q4: Jun- Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">July 21, 2025 City Council</a>: Grants Administration and Federal Updates</li> </ul>
FFY 2026	Q1: Oct - Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">October 13, 2025 City Council</a>: Federal government shutdown</li> </ul>
	Q2: Jan - Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">March 17, 2026 City Council</a>: Community Project Funding Project Selections</li> </ul>
	Q3: Apr - Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">April 14, 2026 City Council</a>: FFYQ2 Federal Legislative Agenda Update</li> <li><a href="#">April 1, 2026 City Council</a>: Community Project Funding Project Selections (EPPD)</li> </ul>

# NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE

**MARCH 16-18, 2026**

- Annual convening of 2,000 + elected and appointed city leaders in Washington DC focused on federal issues impacting local governments
- Local representation by Four City Council representatives, Deputy City Manager, Strategic and Legislative Affairs, Grants and Strategic Initiatives, Community and Human Development, Economic Development
- Set the foundation and lessons for future engagements with legislators; supports preparation for NLC CCC and El Paso days in Austin in 2027



# NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE

Access to legislators, federal agencies, learning opportunities, competitive advantages in funding

## Working meetings

- Federal Advocacy Committees led by NLC issue-specific lobbyist
- Constituency groups: Hispanic Elected local Officials, Women in Government
- NLC Large Cities Council

## Sessions led by City representatives

- Mayor Pro Tempore moderated discussion on “Bridging Community Divides & Strengthening Civic Trust”
- Community and Human Development Director led Affordable Housing Workshop

## Hill Visit with Congressional Delegation\*

- Congresswoman Veronica Escobar
- Senator John Cornyn
- Senator Ted Cruz

*\*Coordination with Texas Municipal League, (TML) along with TML reception*



# COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

- The 2026 NLC CCC coincided with decision period for House delegation to select FFY2027 CPF projects
- Four out of seven City-proposed projects selected, totaling \$14,580,215.77, highest amount selected yet

## FFY2027 CPF Selections

City Dept	Project	Amount
CID	Public Safety Complex Project	\$5,000,000
CID	I-10 Deck Plaza Phase II Project	\$3,000,000
DPH	Henderson Community Clinic Project	\$2,000,000
EPPD	Drone First Responder Expansion Initiative	\$4,580,215.77
Total Funding Proposed for Selected Projects		<b><i>\$14,580,215.77</i></b>

# COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

SLA continues working with federal delegation staff in the House Appropriations mark-ups process to minimize the reduction of awarded funds

## FFY2026 CPF Appropriations

City Dept	Project	Amount
CID	Segundo Barrio Safe Streets	\$1,000,000
CID	I-10 Deck Plaza Project	\$3,150,000
EPIA	Innovation Factory Phase II	\$250,000
Bridges	Ysleta Port of Entry	\$3,100,000
<i>Awarded Total:</i>		<i>\$7,500,000</i>

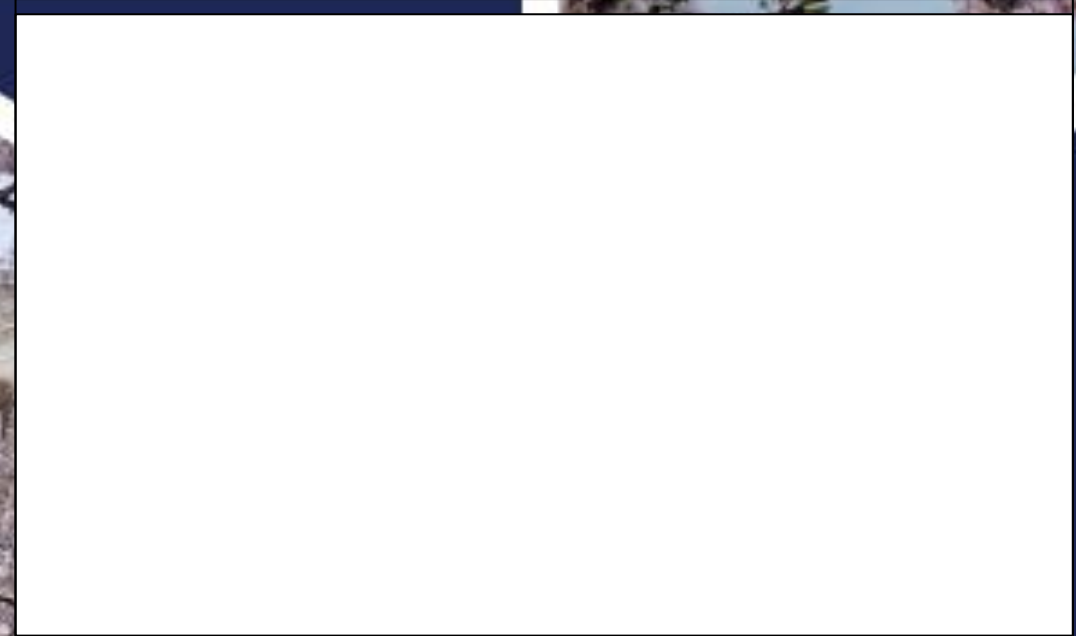


Full press conference available at [this link](#)

# LOBBYIST PROCUREMENT

- Further enhance presence in Washington DC, guided by the Federal Legislative Agenda
- Proactive advocacy and streamlining for federal funding streams to the City
- Enhances local partnership and agreements with Fort Bliss and federally regulated projects in our region

\*Planned for City Council on April 28



## FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

119<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS

# NEXT STEPS

- Initiate preparation for engagements in DC and Austin in 2027
- Development of Federal Legislative Agenda for 120<sup>th</sup> Congress

## Upcoming Council Items

FFY 2026	Q3: Apr - Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• April 28, 2026 City Council: Federal Lobbyist Procurement</li><li>• May 2026: Selection of Opportunity Zones to Texas Governor's Office</li></ul>
	Q4: Jun- Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal Legislative Agenda for 120th Congress drafted with departmental input</li></ul>
FFY 2027	Q1: Oct - Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City Council review of Federal Legislative Agenda for 120th Congress</li></ul>
	Q2: Jan - Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2027 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference</b></li><li>• <b>El Paso Days in Austin, ~February 2027</b></li></ul>

## MISSION

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life & place for our community.



## VISION

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe & beautiful neighborhoods, & exceptional recreational, cultural & educational opportunities powered by a high



## VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence, **A**ccountability, **P**eople

