



CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

DRAFT 2018 FEDERAL AGENDA

PROJECT/ISSUE	ACTION ITEM
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police Department Needs	<p>Monitor and report on criminal justice reform.</p> <p>Support funding opportunities for High Point Community Against Violence.</p> <p>Monitor relevant law enforcement grant opportunities.</p>
Fire Department Equipment and Personnel	<p>Pursue federal assistance for various equipment needs, including bulletproof vests and turnout equipment.</p> <p>Pursue federal assistance for firefighter health and safety.</p> <p>Funding opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEMA's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program • FEMA's Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program • FEMA's Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants • Firehouse Subs
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
Core City	<p>Pursue federal assistance for targeted revitalization efforts in the Daniel Brooks Housing Community and the Washington Street District.</p> <p>Funding opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart Growth America's Small-Scale Manufacturing and Place-Based Economic Development Program • Hardest Hit Fund for blight removal (using HHF for down payment assistance and foreclosure avoidance) • Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Clean-Up Grant (to follow up on the \$400,000 brownfields assessment grant secured by the City)

Food Insecurity	<p>Pursue assistance to address food insecurities within the City.</p> <p>Coordinate with the Greater High Point Food Alliance.</p> <p>Support continued funding for various food programs in the Farm Bill reauthorization.</p> <p>Funding opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA's Local Food Promotion Program and Farmers Market Promotion Program • USDA's Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program • USDA's Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program • The Kresge Foundation, Hayden Harman Foundation
Forward High Point	<p>Pursue assistance to promote downtown revitalization, including projects related to the new stadium.</p> <p>Funding opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Markets Tax Credits • DOT's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program • DOT's TIGER Grant Program • HUD's CDBG Program • National Endowment for the Arts Our Town and Art Works Grant Programs
Section 108 Loan Flexibility	<p>Promote flexibility in HUD's Section 108 loan allocations. Communities cannot borrow more than five times their annual CDBG allocations. High Point supports a change to allow HUD to reallocate unused Section 108 loan funds to interested communities.</p>
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	
Weatherization	<p>Work with the Piedmont COG and State Energy Office to get the City of High Point designated as a weatherization provider (as a sub-contractor to COG).</p>
Water and Wastewater Infrastructure	<p>Monitor opportunities to secure funds for large infrastructure projects under WIFIA.</p> <p>Secure assistance for stormwater improvements throughout the City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCDENR Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
High Point Greenways	<p>Pursue federal assistance to build new greenways in and around downtown.</p> <p>Funding opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOT's Recreational Trails Program (through NC Parks) • DOT's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program
Transit Needs	<p>Secure federal assistance for transit services and needed updates at the Mendenhall Transportation Terminal.</p> <p>Funding opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOT-Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant Program
Infrastructure Package	<p>High Point supports efforts to pass infrastructure legislation. However, the City does not support the Administration's proposal to only fund 20% of a local project with federal funds. The City supports provisions in the proposal to streamline project approvals and delivery.</p>
PARKS AND RECREATION	
Westchester Park	<p>Pursue federal assistance for infrastructure development at Westchester Park.</p> <p>Funding opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land and Water Conservation Fund • Connect NC Bond Grant Program • Various foundation grants for parks and recreation
LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	
Department of Labor Overtime Rules	<p>Monitor and report on any proposed changes to DOL's overtime rules. Previous proposed changes would have impacted 94 City employees costing the City approximately \$100,000.</p>
Workforce Development	<p>Work with High Point's Congressional Delegation and relevant federal agencies to develop best practices related to workforce development and connecting the local workforce to local jobs.</p>

OTHER PRIORITIES	
Financing	<p>Support legislation that would classify municipal securities as high quality liquid assets. H.R. 1624 passed the House; S. 828 awaits Senate action.</p> <p>Support legislation that would reinstate tax-exempt advance refunding bonds (which was repealed in the tax law). H.R. 5003 was introduced on February 13, 2018.</p>
Online Sales Tax Legislation	Support passage of legislation that would grant state and local governments the authority to collect taxes on internet and mail-order sales.
FY 2019 Budget and Appropriations	<p>Support preservation of and full funding for the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Block Grant • HOME Investment Partnership Program • Byrne Justice Assistance Grants • Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Assistance Program • DOT's Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program • Farmers Market Promotion Program and Local Food Promotion Program • EPA Brownfields Grant Program
Grants	Pursue relevant federal, state and foundation grant opportunities and secure congressional support for same.
Federal Agency Rules and Regulations	Monitor proposed changes to federal agency rules and regulations that may affect the City and provide comments and/or advocate the City's position directly to the relevant federal agency and the congressional delegation.