

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



**Title:** 2019 City of High Point Federal Agenda

**From:** Randy E. McCaslin, Deputy City Manager

**Public Hearing:** N/A

**Attachments:** 2019 Federal Agenda

**Meeting Date:** March 4, 2019

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### **PURPOSE:**

Approval the 2019 City of High Point Federal Agenda.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Each year the City of High Point seeks the assistance of The Ferguson Group in drafting a Federal Agenda. Attached is a copy of the 2019 Federal Agenda prepared by Jennifer Imo, the City's Washington Lobbyist, which has been reviewed and approved by all city departments and is now ready for City Council's approval.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

Council is requested to approve the 2019 Federal Agenda as proposed by The Ferguson Group.



## 2019 Federal Priorities

<b>Community and Economic Development</b>	<b>Action Item:</b>
<b>Forward High Point</b>	Pursue assistance to promote downtown revitalization, including projects related to the new stadium.
<b>Core City</b>	Pursue federal assistance for targeted revitalization efforts in the Daniel Brooks Housing Community and the Washington Street District.
<b>Food Insecurity</b>	In coordination with the Greater High Point Food Alliance, pursue assistance to address food insecurities within the City.
<b>Section 108 Loan Flexibility</b>	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.
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Action Item:</b>
<b>High Point Police Department</b>	Support funding opportunities for High Point Community Against Violence.  Monitor relevant law enforcement grant opportunities.
<b>High Point Fire Department</b>	Pursue federal assistance for various equipment needs, including bulletproof vests and turnout equipment.  Pursue federal assistance for firefighter health and safety.  Support firefighter cancer registry and other health and wellness legislation.  Support technical correction to Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act.

<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Action Item:</b>
<b>Greenways</b>	<p>Pursue federal assistance for new greenways in and around downtown High Point.</p> <p>Work with NC Division of Parks and Recreation to secure funds through the Recreational Trails Program, and with the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO to secure transportation enhancement funds.</p>
<b>Transit Needs</b>	<p>Support increased funding for FTA programs in FAST Act reauthorization and annual appropriations.</p> <p>Secure federal assistance for transit services and needed updates at the Mendenhall Transportation Terminal.</p>
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	<b>Action Item:</b>
<b>Park Infrastructure</b>	<p>Pursue federal assistance for infrastructure development at Westchester Park and other park projects throughout the city.</p> <p>Support permanent authorization of Land and Water Conservation Fund.</p>
<b>Energy and Environment</b>	<b>Action Item:</b>
<b>Weatherization</b>	<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>
<b>Water and Wastewater Infrastructure</b>	<p>Monitor opportunities to secure funds for large infrastructure projects.</p> <p>Secure assistance for stormwater improvements throughout the City.</p>

Other Priorities	Action Item:
Broadband	Monitor and report on legislative and Administrative (FCC) efforts to accelerate broadband deployment and preempt local authority on ROW and land use decisions, as well as fees for pole attachments.
Financing	Support tax-exempt municipal bonds and advance refunding bonds.
Infrastructure Package	Monitor and report on Administration's infrastructure package and resulting legislation.
Labor Standards	Monitor and report on any changes to Department of Labor overtime rules.
FY 2020 Budget and Appropriations	Support full funding for priority federal programs.

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019