

2027 Federal Legislative Program

Austin Government Relations
To be Adopted by Austin City Council



Responsible Use of Taxpayer Dollars & Efficiency

Protect Financing Tools: Preserve tax-exempt municipal bonds and restore advance funding.

Support Local Grant Programs: Ensure continued federal funding for local government grant programs, including formula-based and other essential grant initiatives.



Housing Access & Affordability

Modernize Programs: Reauthorize and update HUD programs, reduce regulatory barriers, and support zoning reforms that increase housing production while expanding flexibility in programs such as HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) vouchers.

Accelerate Housing Delivery: Streamline duplicative reviews and support tools that help meet affordability and production goals.



Mental Health, Homelessness & Public Safety

Strengthen Crisis Response: Seek additional tools and funding for high-acuity mental-health interventions, emergency holds, continuity-of-care systems, and tools that stabilize individuals experiencing homelessness with complex behavioral-health needs.



Public Health & Quality of Life

Strengthen Public Health Systems: Support core functions, including disease surveillance, prevention services, immunizations, and environmental health.

Enhance Community Resources: Fund parks, libraries, trails, and access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food.



Public Infrastructure

Increase Local Funds: Expand formula allocations for transportation and safety projects to better meet Austin's mobility needs.

Invest in Multimodal Mobility: Support for public transit, rail, congestion mitigation, airport access, while expanding eligibility for federal transportation financing programs and reducing planning and administrative barriers.

Protect Local Authority: Support state and local authority to ensure safe, responsible use of emerging technologies, autonomous vehicles (AVs) and artificial intelligence (AI), and prioritize data-privacy.



Emergency Preparedness & Natural Resources

Enhance Climate & Disaster Resilience: Support robust emergency management and climate data while upholding strong environmental and wildlife protections.

Advance Water & Clean Energy Infrastructure: Support funding related to clean water, drinking water, wastewater, water reuse, stormwater infrastructure, as well as clean energy projects.

Strengthen Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Resilience Programs: Including flood mapping, the Community Rating System, and mitigation and insurance programs such as Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA).



Workforce & Economic Development

Reinforce Workforce Boards: Advocate for policies that protect Local Workforce Boards and keep them central to workforce planning and service delivery.

Expand Career Pathways: Support training, apprenticeships, and workforce pipeline programs while preserving local economic development tools.



Scan for more information

Carrie Rogers, Austin Government Relations Officer | 512.923.7577 (cell) | Carrie.Rogers@austintexas.gov