



Federal Legislative Program

115th U.S. Congress

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- 115th Congress convened on January 3, 2017 for a two year legislative session
- Senate: 100 members
- House of Representatives: 435 members



Program Timeline



DATE	ACTIVITY
August 2016	Priority issues requested from City Departments & Community Partners
September/October	Discussions with Congressional Delegation Offices
October 11-12	Legislative Work-Session with Federal Consultants
October/November/December	Briefings for Mayor, IGR Chairman and City Manager
December 6	IGR Council Sub-Committee Meeting Approval
December 14	B Session Briefing
January 12, 2017	A Session Approval

Structure of Federal Legislative Program



- I. Federal Priorities
- II. Legislative Issues
- III. Agency Initiatives
- IV. Partnerships

Federal Priorities



- FAA Reauthorization
- Military protection
- Transportation funding



Legislative Issues



- Public Safety Funding
- Municipal Bond Tax Exemption
- Employment Tax Credits
- Historic Tax Credits and Downtown National Register District



Legislative Issues



- San Antonio Missions / National Park Funding
- Marketplace Fairness Act
- Public, Education, & Government Access
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention



Agency Initiatives



- Workforce, Education & Training
- Smart Cities
- San Antonio Tricentennial
- Homeless Services for Individuals with Mental Illness



Protection of Community Interests



Support federal regulations or legislation which clearly benefits the City and oppose regulations or legislation adverse to the City's interests

Community Partners

- Bexar County
- VIA Metropolitan Transit
- San Antonio Mobility Coalition
- Joint Base San Antonio
- Port San Antonio
- Brooks City-Base
- San Antonio Housing Authority
- San Antonio River Authority
- SAWS
- CPS
- Chambers of Commerce
- Higher Education
- Major Employers



FY2018 Congressional Budget Timeline



- March 16, White House released its “skinny” Budget Blueprint.
- May 23, White House released full budget.
- House Appropriations Committee has passed the 12 bills.
- Senate Appropriations Committee has passed 6 bills.
- July 27, Full House approved the Make America Secure Appropriations Act.
- Congress must pass the FY18 Budget before the October 1 deadline.

FY2018 Appropriations A Few Key Programs



Program	FY17	White House	House	Senate
Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)	\$319M	\$239	Consolidates & raises to \$500M	\$404.5M
COPS Hiring	\$122M	\$134M	Consolidates & raises to \$500M	\$207.5M
Body Worn Cameras	\$21M	\$21M	\$22.5M	\$22.5M
Violence Against Women	\$481.5M	\$480M	\$528.5M	\$483.5M
CDBG	\$3B	Eliminated	\$2.9B	\$3B
HOME	\$950M	Eliminated	\$850M	\$950M
CHOICE	\$138M	Eliminated	\$20M	\$50M
TIGER	\$500M	Eliminated	Eliminated	\$550M



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