



# Washington, D.C. October Advocacy Visit Briefing & Update

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# WASHINGTON D.C. ADVOCACY VISIT

- October 21-24
- Delegation led by Chairman Manny Pelaez and Councilmember Ana Sandoval



# AGENCY MEETINGS

- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Health & Human Services Department
- U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment
- U.S. Department of Transportation



# CAPITOL HILL MEETINGS



- Congressional Offices
  - Group met with Congressman Cuellar and Congressman Castro and with Congressional Staff for Congressman Doggett and Congressman Hurd



# ISSUES


- Domestic Violence Prevention Funding
- BUILD Grant submission for the redevelopment of the Robert Thompson Center (\$25M)
- Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (DCIP)
- F-16 fighter squadrons at Joint Base San Antonio
- Migrant Resource Center

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUNDING

- **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) – FY2020 Grants Forecast for November/December 2019**
  1. Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (\$53M)
  2. Justice for Families Program (\$11M)
  3. Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Program (\$6M)
  4. FY 2019 STOP Formula State grants are expected between January – March 2020.
  5. Sexual Assault Forensic Medical and Advocacy Services for Tribes (FAST) Initiative (\$7M)) – November 1, 2019.



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUNDING

- **U.S. Health and Human Services Department, Administration for Children & Families – FY2020 Grants Forecast for February/March 2020**
- 1. Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grant Program/National Domestic Violence Hotline (\$12M)
- 2. Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children (Demonstration Projects) (\$8.25M)



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUNDING

- **State Criminal Justice Division – FY2020 Grants  
Forecast for December 2019**



1. General Victim Assistance Program
2. Violence Against Women Justice & Training Program





# POST DC VISIT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Presentation to Domestic Violence Commission
- Coordination with Congressional Grant Coordinators
- E-Civis Grants Locator
- Communication with State Justice Programs Administrator



# POST DC VISIT: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Domestic Violence Comprehensive Plan shared with HHS and Congressional Delegation
- Upcoming technical assistance call with HHS Grants Team
- Request to DOJ for successful VAWA grant proposals



# BUILD GRANT

- VIA submitted a \$25 million BUILD grant application to redevelop the Robert Thompson Transit Center into a daily station with mixed-use development
- DOT announced awards on November 12 and VIA was not selected for an award
- DOT awarded about \$900 million in the 2019 round to 55 projects in 35 states
- DOT received 666 applications for a total request of approximately \$9.6 billion
- Highways, roads and bridges accounted for the largest share of this round's total; receiving \$603 million, or 68% and only 10% of funds went to transit projects
- There were two Texas awards: Beaumont and Houston



# BUILD GRANT

- Next Steps:
  - VIA will request a grant debriefing from DOT
  - GPA will coordinate with TCI to identify possible projects for the next BUILD grant cycle



# DEFENSE COMMUNITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (DCIP)



- FY19 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorized the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program which would provide local governments funding for off-base community infrastructure projects that support mission readiness and resilience.
- FY20 NDAA
  - The Senate passed its bill in June and proposed \$75M for DCIP
  - The House passed its bill in July, but did not include DCIP
  - Congressional Conferees began to negotiate bill differences in September and discussions are ongoing



# JBSA F-16 Training Unit



- The Department of Defense has identified JBSA as a candidate for basing a F-16 Permanent Formal Training Unit
- This mission would integrate well into JBSA given its home of the 149<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, a training unit with a long and successful history of producing F-16 pilots
- Congressional support letter

# ISSUE: MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTER

- Emergency Food and Shelter Board (EFSP) Reimbursement for MRC
  - City submitted \$540,543 in reimbursement requests and the EFSP approved \$280,201
  - Congressman Cuellar organized a call with National Board on October 29
  - Additional reimbursement information will be submitted to National Board on November 13
  - National Board Listening Session in San Antonio November 19





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