



City of Dallas

Key Developments from the 119th Congress

**Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs
August 05, 2025**

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Quick Glance: First 180 Days



Over 8,000 bills introduced thus far, about **27** bills enacted

Major pieces of legislation include:

- Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act of 2025
- One Big Beautiful Reconciliation Act
- Rescissions Act of 2025
- GENIUS Act of 2025

Myriad of Executive Orders signed by President Trump

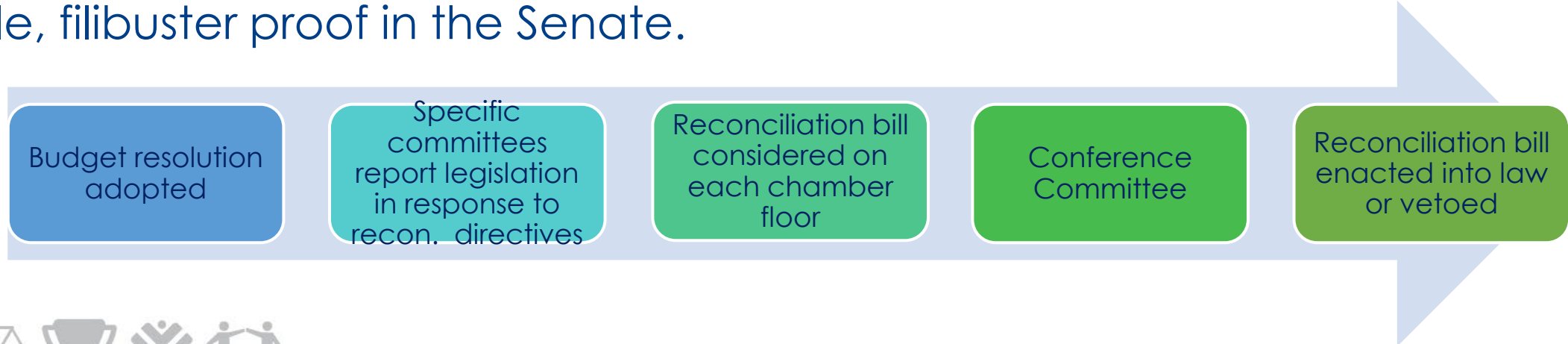
Presidential appointments confirmation hearings in the Senate



Budget Reconciliation Act / H.R. 1



- Signed into law on July 4, 2025, effective 45 days from the date of signing. The bill included extensions for many provisions from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that were set to expire at the end of 2025.
- “Appropriations” and “reconciliation” are two separate processes that Congress uses to achieve different goals. Appropriations fund discretionary programs.
- The budget reconciliation is a fast-track legislative process that enables Congress to make changes to spending, revenue (taxes), and/or the federal debt limit. Reconciliation is considered under special rules (i.e., Byrd Rule, filibuster proof in the Senate).





Opportunities

- Maintains the tax exemption for municipal bonds
- Permanent extension of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
- Permanent extension of New Market Tax Credits
- Permanent extension of the Opportunity Zones program
- No moratorium on state and local regulation of artificial intelligence
- A **\$625 million** appropriation for Homeland Security grants to FIFA 2026 World Cup host cities





Setbacks

- Rescission of unobligated balances (although it does not deauthorize programs) from almost all Inflation Reduction Act grant programs, including:
 - Neighborhood Access and Equity, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, Green and Resilient Retrofit for Multifamily Housing, and Diesel Emission Reduction Grants.
- Reductions in Medicaid spending (approx. \$1 trillion) and reductions in SNAP spending (approx. \$186 billion) through 2034 by limiting future increases to the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan and passing costs onto states.



Executive Orders Overview



Executive Orders with Direct Implications to the City of Dallas

Signed	#	Executive Order Title	Focus
1/20/25	EO 14151	Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing	DEI programs
1/21/25	EO 14173	Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity	DEI programs
2/19/25	EO 14218	Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders	Immigration
4/28/25	EO 14287	Protecting American Communities From Criminal Aliens	Immigration
4/28/25	EO 14288	Strengthening and Unleashing America's Law Enforcement To Pursue Criminals and Protect Innocent Citizens	Immigration
7/24/25	EO 14151	Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets	Homelessness



Executive Orders Overview



On June 25, 2025, the City Council passed **Resolution No. 251081** which directed the City Manager to evaluate city programs and policies and determine whether any adjustments may be necessary to ensure compliance with federal directives.

A briefing will be provided on August 6, 2025, to the City Council.



Congressional Delegation Visits / March 2025



Each year, the City Council travels to Washington D.C. to meet with our Congressional representatives about legislative priorities for the City.

Meetings this year included:

- Office of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz
- Office of U.S. Senator John Cornyn
- Rep. Jasmine Crockett
- Rep. Jake Ellzey
- Rep. Julie Johnson
- Rep. Beth Van Duyne
- Rep. Marc Veasey



Rep. Van Duyne



Rep. Johnson



FY26 Appropriations



- The FY26 Appropriations process is currently underway in Congress. Lawmakers are operating under strict caps on non-defense discretionary spending, which could significantly affect programs that are important to the City.
- The FY26 federal fiscal year is set to begin on October 1. However, in recent years, Congress has failed to meet this deadline, instead relying on Continuing Resolutions (CRs) to maintain funding at existing levels and prevent government shutdowns.
- Community Project Funding requests are considered as part of the Appropriations legislation.



FY26 Appropriations



Programs of Interest to the City of Dallas

Category	Programs
HUD grant programs that support housing supply and development at the local level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Development Block Grant• HOME Investment Partnership Program• Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS• Homeless Assistance Grants
Disaster resilience, mitigation, response and recovery related programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities (BRIC)• Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Assistance.
Workforce, and economic development related programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPA Brownfields Program• Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program• Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult and Dislocated Worker funding, apprenticeship, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs
Public safety, violence prevention programs, and local cybersecurity programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Area Security Initiative• State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program
Infrastructure (Air, Water, and Surface Transportation) programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act investment levels (Capital Investment Grants)• EPA Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds



FY26 Community Project Funding



- This year, the City of Dallas submitted **28** Community Project Funding requests to the Dallas delegation for consideration in FY26.
- Community project funding requests (also known as earmarks) are requests that members of Congress submit to the House or Senate Appropriations Committees to direct federal funds toward specific local projects in their districts or states, as part of the annual appropriations process.
- As of today, **17** City of Dallas projects have made it into draft appropriations legislation.



Check Presentation

FY24 Earmark

MLK Jr. Community Center
Rep. Jasmine Crockett



Community Project Funding History



Fiscal Year	Number of Projects	Total Amount Awarded
Fiscal Year 2026	17	\$15,175,000 <i>anticipated</i>
Fiscal Year 2025	13	\$0*
Fiscal Year 2024	6	\$8,383,069
Fiscal Year 2023	7	\$8,185,000

* Community Project Funding requests were not included in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act of 2025. Therefore, no funding was awarded.



FY26 CPF Appropriations



Transportation-HUD Bill

- Lakewood Park Pedestrian Bridge (\$250,000) – Rep. Johnson
- Hemlock Ave. Safe Streets Enhancements (\$850,000) – Rep. Johnson
- White Rock Lake Trail Relocation (\$1.2m) – Rep. Johnson
- Royal Ln. Traffic Study (\$250,000) – Rep. Van Duyne
- Bachman Area Transportation Plan Implementation (\$250,000) – Rep. Veasey
- Dallas Water Commons Eco Park (\$500,000) – Rep. Crockett
- Fair Park and Facilities Improvements (\$850,000) – Rep. Crockett
- Santos Rodriguez Recreation Center (\$850,000) – Rep. Crockett
- International District Park (\$2m) – Rep. Johnson
- West Branch Library Enhancements (\$250,000) – Rep. Veasey
- Harold Simmons Park Pedestrian/Bike Land Bridge (\$1m) – Rep. Veasey
- Martin Weiss Recreation Center Enhancements (\$1.2m) – Rep. Veasey
- Five Mile Creek Trail (\$2m) – Rep. Veasey



FY26 CPF Appropriations



Commerce-Justice-Science Bill

- DPD Weed & Seed Program (\$2m) – Rep. Van Duyne and Rep. Elzey
- DPD Helicopter Computer Mapping Technology (\$200,000) – Rep. Crockett
- DPD Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce (\$675,000) – Rep. Crockett

Total anticipated FY26 CPF funding: **\$15,175,000**



Source: <https://verticalmag.com/press-releases/cnc-technologies-provides-completion-services-for-dallas-police-department-bell-407gx/>



Engagement on Legislative Program



Advocacy efforts:

- ☐ Support for preservation of tax-exempt municipal bonds
 - ☐ Support continued funding for core local government programs
 - ☐ Oppose cuts to HUD and local implications of federal funding freeze
 - ☐ Support full funding for the Airport Improvement Program
 - ☐ Support changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program
 - ☐ Advocacy on reconciliation legislation and New Markets Tax Credits to Senate offices
 - ☐ Support for increase in UASI formula funding for FIFA World Cup
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- Submitted comments on CDBG/HOME to House Housing Subcommittee
 - Submitted comments on Surface Transportation Reauthorization to the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee



Engagement on Legislative Program



- ❑ Advocacy for FY26 CPF funding for key City of Dallas projects
- ❑ Monitoring FY26 Appropriations process
- ❑ Continued engagement with federal partners, agencies, and external partners



Rep. Crockett District Swearing-in
January 2025



Rep. Veasey Town Hall
July 2025



Rep. Ellzey Meeting
March 2025



Fall 2025 Federal Outlook



FY26 Appropriations



Draft legislation for Surface Transportation Reauthorization



Potential 2nd Reconciliation Effort



Additional recission efforts



Potential consideration of housing legislation package





● **September 2, 2025**
Congress returns from recess

● **September 30, 2025**
Fiscal Year 2025 ends

● **November 19-22, 2025**
National League of Cities
Annual City Summit

● **January 3, 2026**
119th Congress
1st Session Adjourns
2nd Session Begins

● **March 16-18, 2026**
National League of Cities
Congressional City
Conference

Upcoming Dates



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Next Steps



The Office of Government Affairs will continue to provide updates on developments at the federal level and seek opportunities to engage with our federal delegation in accordance with the City's legislative program for the 119th Congress.





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Appendix A.

City of Dallas 2025 Federal Legislative Program (119th Congress)

As Approved on September 24, 2024, by the City Council
via Resolution No. 24-1402



City of Dallas 2025 Federal Legislative Program



**Maintain local authority
to respond to the unique needs of the Dallas community.**



Provide additional tools for local law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety for Dallas.

Increase funding for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).

Increase protections and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors.

Modernize law enforcement tools to include safer technologies.



Secure protections for residents at greatest risk of displacement and tools to address affordable housing.

Expand tools for seniors to age in place.

Modernize and increase funding for HOME / CDBG / LIHTC.

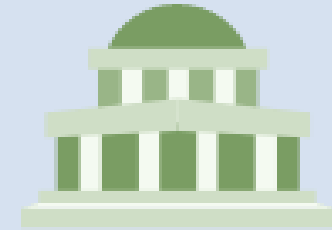
Seek funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities.



Promotes job creation and private investment to grow the tax base and create economic opportunities.

Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline.

Expand broadband connectivity for all residents.



Deliver effective and efficient government services, while being fiscally responsible.

Maintain tax exemption for municipal bonds, including private activity bonds, and reinstate advance refunding for municipal bonds.

Protect resident and commercial data.

Support measured use and regulation of artificial intelligence.

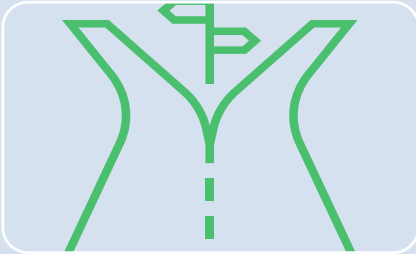


Adopted by Dallas City Council 9.25.24 via Resolution 24-1402

City of Dallas 2025 Federal Legislative Program



**Maintain local authority
to respond to the unique needs of the Dallas community.**



Protect and enhance the City's infrastructure network while continuing to deliver innovative and safe solutions.

Pursue tools to implement the City of Dallas' Vision Zero Mobility Safety Plan.

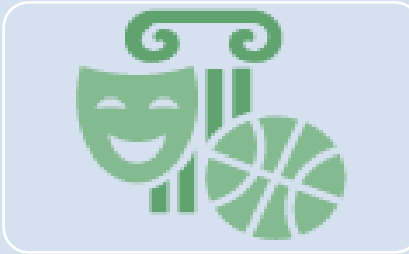
Support transparency in utility operations and grid reliability.



Support resource sustainability, conservation and environmental justice to build a more resilient city.

Support funding for Dallas parks, trails, and playgrounds.

Support resource sustainability, conservation and environmental justice.



Foster community while offering recreational, educational, and cultural activities.

Study, implement, and make accessible harm reduction strategies to combat the opioid epidemic.

Promote proper mental and physical healthcare for all.



Ensure Dallas is a welcoming community for all residents, businesses, and visitors.

Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities.

Expand funding, eligibility, and access for nutrition programs.



Adopted by Dallas City Council 9.25.24 via Resolution 24-1402



Appendix B.

Dallas Congressional Delegation and Committee Assignments (119th Congress)



Dallas Congressional Delegation (119th Congress)



Julie Johnson (TX-32)	Jasmine Crockett (TX-30)	Marc Veasey (TX-33)	Beth Van Duyne (TX-24)	Jake Ellzey (TX-6)	Pat Fallon (TX-4)
House Admin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elections Subcommittee Homeland Security – Vice Ranking Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Border Security and Enforcement Subcommittee Emergency Mgmt and Tech. Subcommittee Foreign Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South & Central Asia Subcommittee Europe Subcommittee 	Judiciary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee on Oversight (Ranking Member) Subcommittee on Immigration, Integrity, Security, and Enforcement House Oversight and Government Reform – Vice Ranking Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee on DOGE Task Force on Declassification of Federal Secrets 	Energy & Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade Subcommittee on Energy Subcommittee on Health 	Ways & Means <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee on Oversight Subcommittee on Tax Policy Subcommittee on Trade Subcommittee on Work and Welfare House Committee on Small Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access (Chair) Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations 	House Appropriations Committee	Armed Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Subcommittee on Military Personnel Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative, and Information Committee on Oversight and Accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency



Dallas Congressional Delegation (119th Congress)



U.S. Senator Ted Cruz

Chairman, Commerce, Science & Transportation

Foreign Relations

- Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy
- Subcommittee on Near East, S. Asia, C. Asia, and Counterterrorism

Judiciary

- Subcommittee on The Constitution
- Subcommittee on Crime and Counterterrorism
- Chair, Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action & Federal Rights
- Subcommittee on Border Security & Immigration

Rules & Administration

U.S. Senator John Cornyn

Finance

- Chair, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness
- Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure
- Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight

Senate Committee on the Judiciary

- Chair, Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration
- Subcommittee on The Constitution
- Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism
- Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

Intelligence

Foreign Relations

Budget

