



CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NC

2026 FEDERAL ACTION PLAN

ISSUE	ACTION ITEMS
COMPETITIVE GRANTS, CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING and SHOVEL READY PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support all efforts by the City of Winston-Salem to secure additional federal resources for local priorities. A list of grants and projects requesting federal support will be provided as notices for those opportunities, and the criteria for them, are announced. • Support the continuation of the local-federal partnership, including competitive grants and congressionally directed spending/community funded projects. • Preserve local decision-making authority by limiting additional federal restrictions, such as requirements to amend local ordinances, as conditions for federal funding eligibility.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING and HOMELESSNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal funding for permanent affordable housing, fair housing, housing for veterans, rental assistance programs, rehabilitation of housing stock, and resources to prevent and end homelessness, particularly youth homelessness. • Support the continuation of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program that provide essential funding for local housing initiatives. • Extend HUD audits beyond annually, which is duplicative and costly to local governments.
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC and WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund programs to restore and revitalize underserved and/or older neighborhoods, fight poverty, retrofit low-income housing and older buildings to meet code, and enhance Historic Districts. • Increase investment in small businesses and funding for job creation, workforce development training, trade training, job placement and apprenticeship programs, as well as programs for youth enrichment and access. • Support reentry programs that focus on areas vital to reintegration back into the community, including employment, education, mentoring, substance use, and mental health treatment. • Expand designations in and leverage potential investments surrounding the Opportunity Zones Program. • Support the continuation of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program that serves as a vital recruitment and retention tool for local governments.
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE	<p>TRANSPORTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase federal support for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) through Section 5307 funding and streamlined FTA rules. Provide resources for timely bus replacement, improved service, and innovation. • Support reactivating a commuter passenger rail line into the City of Winston-Salem, which is the largest city in the state's western portion without access to Amtrak. Provide funding for the Corridor Identification and Development Program and other federal passenger rail programs. • Continue and expand Metropolitan Planning program funding to support MPO planning for regional growth and multimodal needs. Provide greater flexibility with federal transportation funding. • Prioritize maintenance and upgrades of roads, bridges, sidewalks, greenways, and transit infrastructure, and expand EV infrastructure for municipal fleet transition.

	<p>WATER AND SEWER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to replace lead service lines and aging infrastructure. • Funding to assist with PFAS and PFOS detection and nutrient management.
PUBLIC SAFETY	<p>POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support federal funding to help local law enforcement agencies with crime prevention. Prioritize recruitment and retention, crime-solving technology, and fortifying/protecting WSPD properties. • Direct more funding to Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant programs, and other USDOJ grants. <p>FIRE DEPARTMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct more competitive grant funding to career fire departments and provide low or no cost match funding for fire department staff hiring and retention. • Provide more notice prior to publishing funding opportunities, extend the typical application window, and streamline the application and award process for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program.
QUALITY OF LIFE	<p>ARTS AND HUMANITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund federal programs that enhance access to arts and humanities at the local level, particularly for youth career options and African American historically significant projects. <p>PARKS AND RECREATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for local park and recreation departments to meet Americans with Disabilities Act compliance for ongoing maintenance. <p>HEALTH AND WELLNESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund programs that increase access to healthy foods, like community-based grocery solutions and alternative food distribution models, to combat food deserts and childhood obesity. • Support planning and programming for urban heat island reduction and extreme heat days. • Promote citizen engagement; enhance the health and wellness of the senior population; fight substance use; and reduce suicide rates. • Support programs to treat mental health and oppose efforts to transfer the costs for mental health treatment from the federal government to the local level. <p>ENVIRONMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support programs for energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainability, and invasive plant removal. <p>EQUALITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support non-discrimination policies and human rights legislation, including, but not limited to, equality and social justice.
UNFUNDED MANDATES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oppose legislation that imposes unfunded mandates on local government.



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