



# Federal Legislative Priorities for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

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## ● ● ● AGENDA DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



- Council Discussion of Federal Priorities: Today
- Council Discussion of State Legislative Priorities: October
- Refinements to Legislative Priorities: Oct.- Nov.
- Council Adoption of State and Federal Legislative Agenda: November 15, 2022

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## OVERVIEW



### 117<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Biden-Harris Administration in the Executive Branch
- Narrow Democratic majorities in House & Senate

### Midterm Elections

- Party with the White House loses seats historically

### 118<sup>th</sup> Congress: 2023- 2024

Likely to be an era of divided government in January 2023

- 2024 Presidential Election looming on the horizon

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## 117<sup>th</sup> Congress in Review



### Legislative Accomplishments

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Inflation Reduction Act
- Bipartisan Safer Communities Act
- CHIPS and Science Act

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## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

**Signed into law Nov. 5, 2021**

**\$1.7 trillion: Historic investment in U.S. infrastructure and competitiveness**

- Climate and resilience
- Power infrastructure
- High speed internet
- Clean drinking water

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## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

### Federal Funding by Sector

- **Highways: \$365.45 billion**
- **Transit: \$106.9 billion**
- Rail: \$102.1 billion
- Aviation: \$25 billion
- Ports and Waterways: \$17 billion
- **Safety: \$11 billion**
- **Electric Vehicle Charging: \$7.5 billion**
- **Electric Buses: \$5 billion**
- Energy and Power: \$65 billion
- Broadband: \$65 billion
- Water: \$55 billion
- Resiliency: \$50 billion
- Environmental Remediation: \$21 billion

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## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

### U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

#### Discretionary Grants for Local Governments

- **\$12.2 billion Bridge Investment Program**
- **\$7.5 billion RAISE Grant Program (multimodal)**
- **\$7.25 billion INFRA Grant Program (goods movement)**
- **\$5 billion Safe Streets and Roads for All Program**
- \$5 billion CRISI Grant Program (rail)
- **\$2.5 billion Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grants**
- \$1.4 billion PROTECT Grants (resiliency)
- \$1 billion Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program
- \$500 million SMART Grant Program

#### Formula Grants to States

- **\$26.7 billion Bridge Formula Program**
- \$7.3 billion PROTECT Program
- \$6.4 billion Carbon Reduction Program
- \$5 billion National EV Infrastructure Program

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## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

### U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- **\$1.2 billion Brownfields Program**
- **\$3.5 billion Superfund Program**
- \$30.7 billion Drinking Water State Revolving Fund with \$15 billion for Lead Service Lines + \$4 billion for PFAS/Emerging Contaminants (state)
- \$12.7 billion Clean Water State Revolving Fund including \$1 billion for PFAS (state)
- \$1.4 billion Sanitary Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse (state)
- \$5 billion Assistance for Small & Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water for PFAS
- \$250 million Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability
- \$125 million Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Project
- \$125 million Clean Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability
- \$100 million Wastewater Efficiency Grant Pilot

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# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

**U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)**

<b><u>Formula</u></b>	<b><u>Discretionary</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$550 million Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)</b></li> <li>• <b>\$3.5 billion Weatherization Assistance Program (state)</b></li> <li>• \$250 million Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Capitalization (state)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5 billion Electric Grid Reliability &amp; Resilience R&amp;D</li> <li>• \$3 billion Smart Grid Investment Matching Grants</li> <li>• \$2.1 billion CO2 Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (CIFIA) credit assistance</li> <li>• \$250 million Rural &amp; Municipal Utility Advanced Cybersecurity Grant &amp; TA</li> <li>• \$225 million Cost-Effective Codes Implementation for Efficiency and Resilience</li> </ul>

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# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**

**Discretionary**

- \$1 billion State and Local Cybersecurity: \$1 billion appropriation
- \$100 million Cybersecurity Response and Recovery: \$100 million appropriation

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

**Discretionary**

- \$1 billion Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program (state)
- \$3.5 billion Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program (state)

**National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)**

- \$42 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program (state)
- \$1 billion Middle Mile Program
- \$1.25 billion Digital Equity Competitive Grants
- \$1.5 billion Digital Equity Capacity Formula (state)

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## Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

### Signed into law June 25, 2022

- Enhanced background checks
- Investment in child & family mental health resources
- School safety funding
- Protections for DV survivors
- Violence reduction

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## Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

### U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

- \$250 million Community-Based Violence Intervention Initiatives

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- \$240 million SAMHSA Project AWARE Programs

### U.S. Department of Education

- \$50 million 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers Program
- \$300 million STOP School Violence Act Programs (local education agency\*)

### General Policy Provisions

- Establishes State Crisis Intervention Orders with \$750 million for States
- Protects Victims of Domestic Violence with NICS Designation
- Requires Enhanced Background Check for Under 21 Purchases
- Clarifies Definition of Dealer and Penalizes Straw Purchasing

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# CHIPS and Science Act



## Signed into law June 25, 2022

- Domestic manufacturing
- Advancements in science and technology
- STEM education
- Workforce development
- Economic development

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# CHIPS and Science Act



## Economic Development Administration (EDA)

- \$10 billion Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program
- \$1 billion RECOMPETE Pilot Program

## U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

- \$200 million Increased Collaboration with Teachers and Scientists Program
- \$250 million Regional Clean Energy Innovation Program
- \$75 million National Clean Energy Incubator Program

## National Science Foundation (NSF)

- \$1 billion Centers for Transformative Education Research and Translation
- \$600 million National STEM Teacher Corps Pilot
- Regional Innovation Engines

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# Inflation Reduction Act



## Signed into law August 16, 2022

- Economic equity
- Health equity
- Tax fairness
- Environmental justice
- Carbon reduction

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# Inflation Reduction Act



## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- \$27 billion Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
- \$5 billion Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
- **\$3 billion Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants**
- \$3 billion Grants to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports
- \$1 billion Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program (Class 6 or 7)
- \$87 million Low Emissions Electricity Program

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# Inflation Reduction Act



## Federal Highways Administration (FHWA)

- \$3.2 billion Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program
- \$2 billion Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grant program

## U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- \$1 billion Improving Energy & Water Efficiency & Climate Resilience of Affordable Housing Program

## U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

- \$1 billion Assistance for Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption

## U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)

- \$2.6 billion NOAA Coastal Communities and Climate Resilience Grants

## U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- \$1.5 billion USFS Urban and Community Forestry Program

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# Inflation Reduction Act



## Finance/Tax Provisions

- Production Tax Credit: 0.5 cents/kWh
- Carbon Capture and Sequestration Credit: \$12 – \$36/metric ton\*
- Clean Hydrogen Tax Credit: \$0.60/kg
- Commercial Clean Vehicle Tax Credit: \$7,500 credit for vehicles < 14,000 lbs and \$40,000 for vehicles > 14,000 lbs
- Alternative Fuel Refueling Property Credit: 6% base up to \$100,000 for property, bonus to total 30% of expenses for Davis-Bacon projects\*
- Advanced Energy Project Credit: 30%
- Clean Energy Production Credit: 0.5 cents/kWh\*
- Clean Electricity Investment Credit: 6 percent\*
- Clean Fuel Production Credit: \$0.20 or \$0.35/gallon\*

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## Legislative Priorities

- Affordable Housing and Homelessness**
- Policing and Criminal Justice Systems Transformation**
- Human Dignity and Public Safety**
  - Immigration Reform
  - Dignity for Detainees Act
  - Hate Crimes
- Economic Security**
  - Guaranteed Income
  - Commission to Study and Develop Reparations Proposals
- Civil Rights**
  - Respect for Marriage Act and Equality Act

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## Staff Recommendations

- BIL & IRA Implementation**
  - Develop a concrete list of Priority Infrastructure Projects for federal grants
  - Ensure the City is coordinating with state for equitable share of formula grant dollars and applying directly for competitive grants
  - Engage with the Biden-Harris Administration on funding opportunities

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## Staff Recommendations



### 117<sup>th</sup> Congress – closes January 3, 2023

- Legislative priorities for remainder of the session to be determined by the outcome of the midterm elections
- Congress will pass short-term stopgap to fund government into lame duck

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## Staff Recommendations



### 118<sup>th</sup> Congress - 2023 - 2025

- Prioritize Immigration Reform under Human Dignity and Public Safety, if there is a period of divided government
- Maintain focus on Affordable Housing and Homelessness, Policing and Criminal Justice Systems Transformation, and Economic Security
- Acknowledge political conditions are less conducive to the business of legislating in divided government

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