



Federal Legislative Principles 2019-2020

General

- Support legislation that maintains or enhances municipal authority to govern local services, revenue sources and economic development policies.
- Oppose unfunded mandates.

Defense

- Support federal actions that protect and enhance the military value of Fort Hood.
- Support Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round.
- Support funding mechanisms that bring federal funds to military installations and surrounding communities for investment in infrastructure and quality of life programs.

Public Safety

- Support the continued funding of grant programs that provide full and partial federal funding for first responder staffing, equipment and programs.
- Support continuation and addition of criteria in grant formulas that recognize and give priority to the impacts of military installations on local law enforcement and emergency response operations.

Transportation

- Support expansion of Interstate 14 along the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway corridor.
- Support transportation infrastructure investment in interstates and multimodal complements.
- Support aviation legislation and funding programs that benefit regional and joint-use airports.

Environment

- Support legislation that would reduce or eliminate penalties imposed on local governments as a result of actions caused by individuals or businesses not working for or with the government.
- Support inclusion of water, wastewater and drainage infrastructure in federal funding programs.
- Support research and legislative actions that encourage local water conservation and reuse programs.
- Support federal funding mechanisms that benefit municipal green space and park programs.

Emergency Preparedness

- Support federal funding programs that provide resources to municipalities for emergency preparedness and disaster prevention and recovery.

Community Development

- Support maintaining or enhancing the funding of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.
- Support federal programs and grants that benefit municipal green space and park programs.
- Support federal research, legislative actions and funding to address homelessness.

Finance

- Support expanding municipal financing options that benefit local infrastructure investment and economic development efforts.
- Oppose restrictions and imposition of federal taxes on municipal bonds.

Veterans

- Support federal programs that support veteran needs including the areas of employment, entrepreneurship, physical and mental health and homelessness.