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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

Establishing Federal Priorities For The City Of Albuquerque For Federal Fiscal Years 2019 And 2020 For The Purpose Of Establishing City Federal Policy Goals And Federal Program Funding (Peña)

ESTABLISHING FEDERAL PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2019 AND 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CITY FEDERAL POLICY GOALS AND FEDERAL PROGRAM FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque and the Government of the United States of America share goals, missions and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has for generations partnered with the Federal Government in projects and programs that improve the health, welfare and safety of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque interfaces with federal programs for the purposes of improving the joint delivery of behavioral health and public safety programs, building capacity for Community Development, creating economic development for the City, and continuing the development and maintenance of the facilities that comprise the City's infrastructure and transportation systems. And that the City has identified near term priority projects, policy initiatives and longer term goals within these purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1. CITY NEAR TERM FEDERAL PRIORITIES: the City of Albuquerque near term priorities for utilizing federal resources is as follows:

(A) Behavioral Health and Public Safety: with the emphasis on funding and grant programs for the following project/initiatives:

(1) Local Area Network (LAN) Radio System: Modernizing the regional land/mobile radio system for local and state agencies in Central New Mexico.

(2) Crisis Triage Center: Construction of a Crisis Triage Center to provide services seven days a week and for 24 hours a day for indigent care, mental crisis treatment and addiction treatment.

(3) Law Enforcement Technology: Updating the Albuquerque Police Department's crime analysis capacity to include creating a gun intelligence center, and acquiring automated finger printing technology, and license plate readers.

(4) Law Enforcement Scenario Based Training: Expanding the capacity of the Albuquerque Police Department to develop programs and facilities to train law enforcement officials on best practices in scenario based training especially in the use of force, interactions with the mentally ill, crisis intervention, tactical deployment, and implementation of functional

internal accountability systems and police and community collaborative programs.

(5) Law Enforcement Cyber Crime Training and Technologies: Expanding the capacity of the Albuquerque Police Department to provide cybersecurity and address cybercrime.

(6) Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Programs: Programs for substance abuse, transitional living crisis care, intensive day treatment, recovery and rehabilitation programs, and mental health and continuum of care initiatives for the homeless that can be leveraged with local funds to fully fund comprehensive addiction and recovery programs.

(7) Incarceration and Reintegration Program: Continuum of Care programs that are integrated with systems of incarceration to reintegrate parolees into the community.

(8) Fire Fighting Equipment: Firefighting equipment for the Albuquerque Fire Department.

(B) Community Development: with emphasis on funding for the following projects and initiatives:

(1) Youth Programs: Funding for childhood programs, after school programs and Pre-K funding and development of child development centers.

(2) City of Albuquerque Head Start Program: Continue funding for the Head Start program at FY-19 funding levels and supporting the City's continued designation as a recipient of Head Start Grants.

(3) Crestview Bluff Open Space: Acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities for the general public.

(C) Economic Development: with emphasis on funding/authority for the following project/initiatives:

(1) Historic Albuquerque Rail Yards: To install new roofs and replace and add utility lines and connections and establishment of a United States Department of Treasury Opportunity Zone at the yards.

(2) Historic Albuquerque Rail Yards Second Street Improvements: To improve "urban infrastructure" along Second Street from Central Avenue to Avenida Cesar Chavez and for developing affordable housing and mixed income housing along the edge of the Rail Yard Complex.

(3) Route 66 Visitors Center: To establish a destination community complex on Route 66 in Albuquerque that provides a venue for local residents and visitors that includes a

Route 66 Interpretive Center, dining attractions, and outdoor space for festival, performances, craft markets art displays and other events.

(4) United States Post Office (USPS) Processing Center: To further the redevelopment of the City's downtown by relocating the USPS New Mexico processing center, the initiative includes acquiring land, and planning, designing, constructing and equipping a new facility.

(5) Indoor Running Track: Replace an aging indoor running track for the purposes of community fitness and to allow the City to fulfill its commitments to host indoor track meets for the National Collegiate Athletic Association/Mountain West Conference, the United States of America Track and Field (USATF) Championships and the National Senior Games Association.

(6) Albuquerque Export Assistance Center: Open an Export Assistance Center in Albuquerque, through the United States Department of Commerce, to provide front-line outreach and service operations for U.S. exporters.

(7) Innovate Albuquerque STEM Training Initiatives: Provide funding for the Innovate Albuquerque Programs to offer training in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) through coding boot camps and other non-traditional vocational education programs.

(D) Infrastructure: with emphasis on funding for the following project/initiatives:

(1) Balloon Fiesta Park Access: Improve roadway access and traffic capacity to Balloon Fiesta Park to allow for an expansion of attendance and the number of events occurring at the venue. Improvements include constructing exit lanes from Interstate 25 to the frontage roads and constructing a rail spur into the Balloon Fiesta Park for the purpose of providing Rail Runner Service.

(2) Paseo Del Norte and Unser Boulevard Improvements: Design, construction and purchase of right of way for improvements to Paseo Del Norte from Calle Nortena to Rainbow Boulevard and Unser Boulevard from Kimmick Road to Paradise Road.

(3) UNM-CNM-Sunport Transit Corridor: Provide funding to develop a high frequency transit line on Yale, Avenida Cesar Chavez, and University Boulevards between the Albuquerque International Sunport and the intersection of University and Menaul.

(4) Albuquerque International Airport and Double Eagle II Airport Infrastructure: Implement runway, taxiway and aircraft apron improvements at the Albuquerque International Airport and the Double Eagle Two Airport.

(5) Santa Fe Village Stormwater Management: Construct a stormwater Interceptor channel in the boundary area of the Petroglyph National Monument and the Santa Village Neighborhood.

(6) Rio Grande Levee Construction: Construction of a levee by the City of Albuquerque, the County of Bernalillo and the Albuquerque Metropolitan Flood Control District on the west side of the Rio Grande within the City of Albuquerque between the Albuquerque Open Space Division Visitors Center and the Oxbow Wetlands.

(7) Southwest Albuquerque. Street Lighting and Stormwater Improvements: Install roadway lighting and stormwater management improvements on arterials and collector streets in Southwest Albuquerque to improve roadway safety and quality of life in neighborhoods that are within Housing and Urban Development qualified low to moderate income census tracts.

Section 2. CITY LONG TERM FEDERAL PRIORITIES: the City of Albuquerque supports the following goals and projects that help achieve the previously listed federal priorities:

(A) Behavioral Health and Public Safety.

(1) Providing continued bipartisan support to encourage the sharing of federal data with state and local agencies, and organizations working to end homelessness, reintegrate previously incarcerated citizens back into the community, and end the cycle of coming in and out of the hospital.

(2) Funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring program.

(3) Coordination of federal public safety grants in conjunction with Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) for gun crimes prosecution.

(4) Funding for Federal funding to leverage local and state funding for public safety radio systems.

(B) Community Development.

(1) Enact just and humane immigration reforms that provide immigrants and their families with rights in this country that are commensurate with human dignity and their status as taxpayers and contributing members of the community.

(2) Adopt legislation that creates grants to establish land banks and advocating for the development of regulations or incentives within the Federal Housing Administration, (FHA) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Home Loan Program and other

equivalent Federal initiatives. These grants would fund initiatives that promote the development of properties within land banks established for the purpose of redeveloping blighted or underutilized land in a productive manner that improves the social network of the community. This would include establishing standards for construction, underwriting and loans insurance made by banks and other private lenders for home building on properties held within land banks.

(3) Increase funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) programs, and Emergency Solutions Grants.

(4) Continue funding for preservation and expansion of the Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) Program.

(C) Economic Development.

(1) Small business grants - development and expansion of the following programs to create local based job growth in the Central New Mexico.

(a) Funding for the Small Business Administration State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grant Initiative “Startup in a Day Initiative”, and the “Start Small” and “Maker Initiative Competitions”.

(b) Funding for programs and tax credits that assist the efforts of local governments to aid entrepreneurs’ in founding and growing businesses.

(c) Protection of State and Local Government Taxing Authority Including Assessments of Internet Sales through support of the Marketplace Fairness Act/Remote Transaction Parity Act.

(d) Continue authorization of the “Employment Based Immigration Fifth Preference (EB-5) Regional Center Pilot Program” to provide immigrant businesses access to capital when traditional lending falls short.

(D) Infrastructure and Transportation.

(1) Funding at the same or increased levels for the EDA grant programs, with an emphasis on the planning and public works programs.

(2) Diversifying the funding stream for the Federal Highway and Transit Programs to adjust to recover revenue losses due to declining federal gas tax revenues.

(3) National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

(a) Create grant programs to assist local agencies in implementing best practices and infrastructure projects to comply with the requirements established in the “Regional Storm Water Discharge Permit” issued under the NPDES.

(b) Develop a grant program for the purpose of providing financial assistance to NPDES Permit holders to implement the capital projects required to comply with NPDES permits.

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