



City of College Park, Georgia

2024 Federal Agenda

The City's Strategic Plan identifies key areas that present opportunities for engagement in federal policy and regulatory initiatives and to secure resources (e.g., grants, authorizations, and appropriations) for priority projects and programs to ensure an optimal quality of life for city residents. These areas helped shape the City's federal agenda and include Quality of Life; Local Economy and Growth; Transportation and Mobility; and Public Safety and Security.

Quality of Life

Airport Noise

- Monitor legislative funding and FAA policy changes related to airport noise and the Quiet Skies Caucus.
- Explore funding opportunities for noise and air quality studies, as well as house insulation and sound walls to abate noise.
 - *Work through airport noise representative at ATL; encourage community engagement.*

Road Noise

- Explore funding opportunities to construct sound walls/noise barriers to deflect interstate noise and improve quality of life for area residents.
 - *Possible earmark opportunity in partnership with Hapeville and East Point.*

Water/Wastewater/Stormwater

- Explore funding opportunities for continued repairs to existing sewer trunk and transmission lines to address breaches and threatened breaches; increase water main capacity.
 - *Appropriations and grant opportunities through the EPA appropriations and grants (through GEFA/SRF).*
 - *\$959,752 pending in FY 2024 appropriations for water storage tank and booster station.*
 - *\$2.5M was secured for pump station in FY 2023 (CP staff is in the process of drawing down funds).*

- *\$800,000 for stormwater upgrades in FY 2023 (CP staff is in the process of drawing down funds).*
- Explore funding opportunities to replace lead service lines.
 - *Grant funding through GEFA (significant funding in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law).*
 - *Possible earmark opportunity (EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Drinking Water SRF).*
- Explore funding opportunities to address flooding and related infrastructure damage (i.e., shoring up failed retention walls).
 - *Possible earmark opportunity (EPA State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Clean Water SRF). Explore coordination with East Point.*

Parks and Recreation

- Explore funding opportunities for conservation and related education programs at Camp Fulton Truitt 4-H Educational Center.
 - *Possible earmark opportunity (HUD Economic Development Initiative).*
- Monitor funding opportunities for city-wide parks and recreation priorities.

Local Economy and Growth

Community and Economic Development

- Secure funding for urban gardens, farmers market, farm to school programs, hydro-farming, and sustainability initiatives.
 - *USDA grant opportunities, such as the Local Food Promotion Program and Farmers Market Promotion Program.*
- Secure funding to incorporate the arts downtown and create an arts center in Downtown College Park.
 - *Public arts projects are funded through the National Endowment for the Arts grants.*
- Secure resources and support legislation to enhance economically underperforming and concentrated crime hot spots with educational and community development programs to support low- to moderate-income residents and to provide residential and commercial redevelopment (e.g., Godby Road and Old National Highway).
 - *Community policing programs funded through Byrne JAG appropriations and related grant programs.*
- Support legislation that would provide federal resources to assist localities in high-speed broadband, and public space projects, and workforce development.

Natural Resources

- Explore funding opportunities for “Finding the Flint,” an urban river restoration project to restore access to the river’s headwaters, connect historically underserved communities to the river, and enhance green infrastructure to address flooding while protecting the airport.
 - *\$500,000 from HUD’s Economic Development Initiative is pending in FY 2024 appropriations to create the city’s first nature preserve, which is located at the headwater of the Flint River.*

Transportation and Mobility

Road and Pedestrian Safety

- Explore funding opportunities for traffic calming and other safety improvements to areas in the city that require enhanced pedestrian and vehicular safety.
 - *DOT’s Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant program.*
 - *Possible traffic calming earmark opportunity.*

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

- Support coordinated efforts with ATL and assist with airport issues that impact the city.

Bike and Trail Network

- Monitor funding and technical assistance opportunities to create a bike and trail network and other infrastructure and community development projects in Six West.
- Secure federal resources for projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, and safe routes to schools.

Public Safety and Security

Police

- Seek full funding for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant; additional funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program; the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) programs as well as integrated public safety communications systems.
- Support legislation and secure funds that enhance law enforcement and emergency services to maintain a safe environment and quality of life for city residents and visitors.
- Secure funds to hire additional police officers and modernize crime fighting technology to enhance officer safety, efficiency, and effectiveness.
 - *DOJ COPS Hiring Grant*

- *Secured \$373,000 for equipment and technology in FY 2023 appropriations. These funds have been drawn down.*
- Secure funds and support legislation that provides mental and physical health support to officers and to enhance community policing efforts.
 - *DOJ Law Enforcement Health and Wellness Grant program*

Fire

- Secure funds for increased staffing, equipment, and training apparatus.
 - *FEMA AFG and SAFER grants.*
- Support legislation to establish a grant program to modify, upgrade, and construct fire and emergency medical services department facilities. Grant funds could be used to construct a fire station in Six West or elsewhere in the city ([H.R. 1814/S. 977](#)).

Information Technology/Cybersecurity

- Secure funds and support legislation for smart technologies, including electric vehicle charging stations, smart nodes on traffic lights, and artificial intelligence for greater community engagement.
- Monitor and report on cybersecurity initiatives to safeguard data.
 - *State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (through state of GA); monitoring solicitation.*
- Explore funding opportunities to initiate “machine learning A.I.” to further fortify infrastructure for cybersecurity.