

## FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA 2025

COF's 2025 federal priorities will align with one of four key focus areas that support the City's Strategic Plan.

1. *Supporting workforce growth and economic independence.*
2. *Advancing housing opportunity and community infrastructure.*
3. *Ensuring a high-quality quality community-based veteran and military support system.*
4. *Providing sufficient mental health and community safety resources to meet needs.*

<b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>	<p><b>FAYETTEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT (FAY)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>International Terminal Development:</b> <i>Support funding for completion of International Arrivals Terminal through federal programs like Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP).</i></li> <li>● <b>Direct Flights:</b> <i>Pursue funding to encourage air service expansion to Washington, D.C., Orlando/Tampa and Chicago through federal programs like the Small Community Air Service Development.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>FAST (Fayetteville Area System of Transit) West Fayetteville Hub:</b> <i>Seek funding for construction of West Fayetteville hub to increase access, service and operational efficiency.</i></li> <li>● <b>Expansion of Passenger Rail Connectivity:</b> <i>Advocate for continued federal support for rail corridor development, fully funding the FAY to RAL passenger rail route.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Big and Little Cross Creek Trails:</b> <i>Support City's RAISE grant application for the Big and Little Cross Creek Trails connecting downtown, Murchison Corridor and Fort Liberty via active transportation options.</i></li> <li>● <b>Glenville Lake and Cape Fear River Trail Extension:</b> <i>Pursue federal funding to support trail expansion following design completion.</i></li> <li>● <b>Dam Infrastructure Improvements:</b> <i>Rose Lake Dam: Support of FEMA BRIC grant application.</i> <i>Iron Lake Dam: Seek funding options, addressing federal location restrictions.</i> <i>College Lakes Dam: Seek funding options for safety retrofitting and embankment armoring.</i></li> <li>● <b>Pedestrian and Safety Projects:</b> <i>Seek implementation grant opportunities for completed Pedestrian Plan and Safe Streets for All studies, including addition of crosswalks and signalized intersections where applicable.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Housing &amp; Community Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Murchison Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan:</b> <i>Pursue HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant for the Murchison Corridor.</i></li> <li>● <b>Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP):</b> <i>Secure Fayetteville's recognition as a FHAP participant through HUD.</i></li> <li>● <b>HOME and CDBG Funding Advocacy:</b> <i>Advocate for increased federal allocations to address critical needs in community to stabilize individuals and families.</i></li> <li>● <b>VASH Voucher Program:</b></li> </ul>

	<p><i>Advocate for additional administrative funding to reduce burdens on the Housing Authority.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP):</b> <i>Address veteran discrimination and barriers to fair housing.</i></li> <li>• <b>Blight Removal:</b> <i>Support programs that enhance the City’s ability to engage in blight removal in key development areas.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Safety</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School Resource Officer/School Safety Programs:</b> <i>Advocate for federal programs that bolster school resource officer funding and innovative approaches to school safety.</i></li> <li>• <b>Office of Community Safety:</b> <i>Support for federal funding addressing youth intervention, gun violence, homelessness and mental health services.</i></li> <li>• <b>Public Safety Personnel Recruitment and Retention:</b> <i>Support tools for law enforcement and firefighter recruitment and retention.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SAFER and AFG grant programs for fire service support</li> <li>○ COPS for law enforcement support</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Firefighter Cancer Benefits:</b> <i>Advocate for continued funding of the Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program beyond 2025.</i></li> <li>• <b>PFAS Disposal:</b> <i>Secure federal support for firefighting foam disposal infrastructure.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Economic Development &amp; Quality of Life</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Active Duty Military and Veteran Support:</b> <i>Increase access to health care, mental health resources and education for active duty and veteran families. Support measures to ensure transferability of licensure and credentials for mental health professionals serving military communities.</i></li> <li>• <b>Next Generation Workforce Development:</b> <i>Seek opportunities to expand and enhance the City’s efforts to bolster the economy and education ecosystem in Fayetteville through the Next Generation Workforce Initiative.</i></li> <li>• <b>Airport Corridor Improvement and Economic Development:</b> <i>Seek funding opportunities to improve the airport corridor supporting economic development.</i></li> <li>• <b>I-685 Connectivity:</b> <i>Advocate for interstate connectivity linking I-95 and I-295 to the proposed I-685 using the route option through Cumberland County which is the most cost-effective based on projections.</i></li> </ul>

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