



2026 Federal Policy Agenda

Important for FY26 appropriations and FY27 appropriations.

Need for reauthorization of important federal programs:

- Federal Transportation Law
 - Older Americans Act
 - Farm Bill
 - National Flood Insurance Program
 - Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act (WIOA)
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Transportation, Environment, Economic Development

- Reauthorization of federal transportation law & **Highway Trust Fund**, utilize local officials to align priorities through MPO
 - Investments in **water and wastewater infrastructure, energy conservation and balanced energy** sources, and policies for **clear air** to protect public health.
 - Maintain support for **Economic Development Administration** and **National Science Foundation**
 - Support for federal data offices, including **US Census Bureau**
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Public Safety and Public Health

- Capacity for **disease surveillance and response**, to prepare and respond to **all hazards**.
- Continue the **Urban Areas Security Initiative** funding
- **Reimbursement for local EMS agencies** by Medicare and Medicaid
- Support **911 SAVES Act** and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act (NTIAA) for **Next Gen 911**

Early Education & Thriving Older Adults and Food Security

- Funding for **Head Start, Child Care & Development and Preschool Development, and Refugee Family Childcare Microenterprise Development** Programs
- Support **Older Americans Act** funds and reauthorization, **Area Agencies on Aging** and caregiver supports, **Nutrition assistance** and medically tailored meals & Community Care Hubs
- Farm Bill reauthorization (including Nutrition Incentive Program)

Housing and Workforce Development

- Support to **create housing options** for homeowners and renters, and for housing for homeless persons and families
- Add funding and flexibility for **public workforce program**
- Support federal **low-interest loans for health and other professional occupations**