

# Congressional City Conference 2020

## City of Chandler Federal Priorities

### 2020 Census

#### **Ensure the 2020 Census is able to accurately count all residents.**

In our rapidly growing community we must accurately count all residents to ensure that Arizona receives our fair share of congressional representation and federal funding.

Arizona distributes State Shared Revenues based on total population from the decennial Census and the following nine years of population estimates - inaccurate totals can negatively affect revenues for the next decade.

Once the Census is complete residents may be shifted to another city, town or county island in order to protect individual demographic information leading to potential revenue losses and inaccurate data for jurisdictions. Ensuring a complete and accurate count of all residents is critical to secure a fair return on federal taxpayer dollars.



\*Each person counted in Arizona results in \$2,959 in federal funding for the State.

### Transit and Transportation

#### **Secure adequate federal support for local transit and transportation needs.**

Federal funding currently supports 80% of the cost of paratransit vehicles and 85% of the cost of buses for fixed-route transit service. Ensuring that this funding is maintained will help prevent a dramatic increase in costs to operate this service.

Additionally, Chandler supports transportation initiatives that prioritize environmental sustainability, such as Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding. Expanding CMAQ funding would provide opportunities for municipalities to invest in projects that reduce congestion or improve air quality in their region that may not have been financially feasible without federal support.



# Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

## Maintain necessary funding to provide supportive services to all residents.

CDBG funding assists the City of Chandler with administering programs that improve the quality of life for low- to moderate-income families and contributes to the stabilization of Chandler neighborhoods.

The CDBG funding provided in this year's federal budget increased Chandler's allocation by nearly \$75,000, allowing both the City and nonprofit partners to further address homelessness and meet critical community and resident needs. A few of the services provided include emergency home repairs for disabled residents, caseworkers for individuals experiencing homelessness and additional Code Enforcement guidance in CDBG-eligible neighborhoods. Maintaining adequate funding levels is critical to ensure that cities and towns can continue to serve all residents.



In 2019 Chandler was designated a **high performing Public Housing Authority**, the highest recognition provided by HUD

# Water Management

## Maintain focus and funding on the Colorado River water supply.

Arizona has been in a state of drought for over 20 years, however, Chandler has been able to thrive due to tactful planning and investment in water resources and infrastructure. With the increasing pressure on water supplies from prolonged drought and population growth, federal support on Colorado River water issues is critical to keep our systems and communities resilient.

There are multiple measures that can support the maintenance of the Colorado River water supply, including implementing the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan, supporting the operation of the Yuma Desalting Plant and funding the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program. All of these tools will help ensure that Arizona and its residents are adequately prepared for a drier future.



Chandler has had comprehensive water conservation programming in place for **30 years**

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