

Federal Update



CapitalEdge

- CapitalEdge has been providing federal advocacy and information services to Avondale since late 2009
- CapitalEdge has over 25 years of experience representing the interests of Valley communities



CapitalEdge: What We Do

Advocacy



At CapitalEdge we provide our clients with a cost-effective, everyday presence in the nation's capital that is vital to promoting federal priorities in an effective manner.

Personalized Service



As one of the premier lobbying firms in Washington, DC that exclusively represents local governments, we at CapitalEdge believe that our clients comprise our nation's backbone.

Grants Assistance



Dwindling resources for federal domestic discretionary programs has made the federal grants process as competitive as ever, and that is where the experienced hands of CapitalEdge come into play.



The 115th Congress Overview

- Accomplishments To Date
 - ✓ Tax Bill
 - ✓ Budget Bills/Agreement
 - ✓ Defense Department Authorization
 - ✓ Water Resources Development Act
 - ✓ Judicial Appointments
 - ✓ Disaster Assistance



Federal Budget

- President again proposed deep cuts to domestic programs
- CDBG, HOME, AmeriCorps, TIGER, NEA targeted for elimination in White House budget
- Thus far, Congress has rejected those proposals; budget agreement earlier this year helped
- Much of the FY 2019 budget will be complete prior to October 1 for the first time in years
- Many domestic discretionary programs received increases in FY 2018 & FY 2019



Federal Budget

- Community Development Block Grant
 - ✓ 22% increase in Avondale's allocation for FY 2018
- HOME Investment Partnerships
 - ✓ 50% increase in Avondale's share of county allocation
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
 - ✓ 7.4% increase over FY 2017 level
- Federal Highway Funds
 - ✓ 24% increase to MAG over FY 2017 level
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - ✓ 12% increase to state formula grants over FY 2017



Legislative Items of Note

- Electronic Commerce
 - ✓ \$700m in uncollected online sales taxes in AZ
 - ✓ Supreme Court reversed 1992 *Quill* decision
 - ✓ Lower courts to determine path forward but Congress could intervene

- Tax Bill
 - ✓ Preserves tax-exempt status of municipal bonds
 - ✓ Prohibits advanced refunding bonds



Legislative Items of Note

- Federal Preemption of Local Authority
 - ✓ Drones
 - ✓ Autonomous Vehicles
 - ✓ Telecom facilities siting

- Infrastructure Package
 - ✓ White House proposal: \$200 million in federal funds to leverage \$800 million in private, state or local funds
 - ✓ No “new” federal funding
 - ✓ Congress has not considered WH plan



Election Outlook

- Republicans currently control the Senate and House
 - ✓ 236 Republicans and 193 Democrats in the House (6 vacancies)
 - ✓ 51 Republicans, 47 Democrats, 2 Independents (both caucus with Democrats) in the Senate
- Democrats would need to gain 23 seats in 2018 to control the House and 2 to control the Senate
- Of the 34 Senate seats up in November, only one Republican is up for re-election in a state (Nevada) won by Hillary Clinton, while 10 Democrats stand for re-election in states won by President Trump.



Questions?

