



## **2026 Federal Legislative Agenda**

### Law Enforcement Technology and Training

The city needs funding for law enforcement technology and equipment upgrades, including resources to improve forensic technology. Additionally, we seek federal support for mental health initiatives to increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies, augment the skills and abilities of law enforcement, and assist eligible Lauderhill residents in accessing needed services and programs. This includes extending the current gunshot detection and license plate readers services.

### Fire and Rescue Resources

The Lauderhill Fire Department's mission is to ensure the safety of our citizens and the protection of life, property, and environment. Funding is needed for updated bunker gear to ensure the safety of our members. Additionally, funds are necessary to enhance paramedic staffing (which has received one year of state funding) to include a position that will follow up with patients post-release to prevent recurring hospitalizations. We also need to replace our ballistic gear, which is nearing the end of its efficacy, in preparation for potential active shooter events. Federal support for our Community Paramedic Program is also critical.

### Water Infrastructure

The City of Lauderhill is committed to preserving and protecting our local environment and water resources, including updates to our water distribution and wastewater infrastructure. As we work to implement our water and wastewater master plan, we seek a federal partnership to rehabilitate aging lift stations and pipes. Our goals include converting from gas chlorine to liquid chlorine treatment and implementing green energy infrastructure at our water treatment plant. We also seek support for PFAS water treatment system improvements, studies, and infrastructure investments, as well as protection for the Biscayne Aquifer.

### Drainage and Stormwater

To ensure proper drainage and prevent flooding, planned improvements include culverts, French drains, catch basins, swales, control structures, and storage areas. We seek to address erosion of canal embankments and expand our underground water retention system.

### Community Art and Humanities

The city is eager to enhance the programs that are offered to the community through the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center, an important asset for local youth and underserved communities.

### Transportation Infrastructure

Our community would benefit from additional direct funding for local initiatives to solve existing equity, congestion, and resiliency issues. We are exploring funding for projects that will reconnect communities divided by highway infrastructure. Specifically, we seek road modifications to encourage commercial development at Sunrise and 441. Additionally, we need design funds for the de-escalation of the Sunrise Boulevard overpass over State Road 7. To further address safety needs, additional funding for roadway alignments and widening, new construction, bike lanes, ADA compliance improvements, and signalization at intersections are also among our priorities.

### Bridge Maintenance and Construction

There are a number of bridges in the city to which we have recently made improvements, including five that have ongoing maintenance needs, and which would benefit from a federal investment.

### Parks and Recreation

The City of Lauderhill Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of dedicated professionals committed to enriching citizens' lives by providing quality leisure opportunities in a safe, professionally maintained park system, accessible and affordable to all. We seek to increase access to health and wellness programs and expanded senior programming as well as after school STEM programs for our youth, workforce development programs, resources to assist our homeless population and programs to enhance mental health for all of our residents. Our park infrastructure would also benefit from improved lighting, bus shelters and additional shuttle vehicles for school aged children and seniors.

### Emergency Preparedness

Lauderhill would like to ensure a high level of preparedness in the event of natural or human – prompted emergencies and seeks federal investment in pre-hazard mitigation for emergency messaging, lighting, generators, tree trimming and training.

### Community Violence Prevention

Lauderhill is committed to creating safer communities through violence prevention initiatives. We seek federal support for programs and strategies aimed at reducing community violence and promoting peace. This includes our local initiative, community movement dedicated to understanding the root causes of violence, addressing those causes, and promoting peace within our community. We seek federal funding to support the expansion of this program, including community outreach, workshops, and youth engagement efforts. By addressing the issue of community violence, we aim to create safer neighborhoods and enhance the overall well-being of Lauderhill residents.

### Homeownership Acquisition and Stabilization Program

The City of Lauderhill seeks federal partnership and funding support to implement a Homeownership Acquisition and Stabilization Program aimed at expanding affordable, owner-occupied housing and strengthening neighborhood stability. The program will support the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale of single-family homes—including properties available on the open market as well as vacant or distressed units—to income-eligible households, promoting long-term residency, wealth creation, and reinvestment in existing neighborhoods. Federal assistance will help leverage HUD HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resources to preserve attainable homeownership opportunities, mitigate investor-driven displacement, and advance sustainable community revitalization.