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Protecting San Diego's federal funding and the services residents depend on

$450M+ in Federal Funding Protected for San Diego

The City Attorney's Office has taken decisive action to safeguard public safety, infrastructure, housing, and environmental dollars — joining the strongest legal coalitions in the country and going to court when federal funding promised to San Diego was placed at risk.

$450M+	24	6
in federal funding protected for San Diego	amicus briefs joined since 2025	lawsuits filed or joined to date

WHY THIS MATTERS

San Diego receives substantial federal funding for the services residents rely on every day, from law enforcement and disaster preparedness to housing, transportation, and environmental protection. When that funding was placed at risk by the federal administration starting in early 2025, City Attorney Heather Ferbert moved quickly: hundreds of millions of dollars were preserved for San Diego.

FUNDING AREAS PROTECTED

Public Safety & Law Enforcement

Defending the SDPD Internet Crimes Against Children(ICAC) Task Force grant, and joined coalitions defending the DOJ COPS Program funding for SDPD officer hiring and training.

Disaster Preparedness & Infrastructure

San Diego sued FEMA and DHS to protect grant funding for the City's Office of Emergency Services, Fire-Rescue, and SDPD emergency-management functions.

Housing & Community Development

San Diego joined nearly 70 localities suing DOT and HUD to protect funding for affordable housing, rental assistance, homeless services, libraries, parks, and street repairs.

Environmental Investments

*San Diego sued to unfreeze a $10 million USDA grant for **Ready, Set, Grow San Diego** — a tree-planting project for City neighborhoods.*