

SUPPORT AND ADVANCE CITIES IMPACTED BY FEDERAL FACILITIES THROUGH DIRECT FUNDING AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, across the country local governments experience special impacts to their infrastructure, services and workforce as a result of the location of a large national security laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) facility or transmission infrastructure in the region; and

WHEREAS, in most cases there is no accompanying financial offsets from DOE or transmission developers to help mitigate these special impacts on local communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) has recognized the special impacts their facilities place on communities, which have a negative impact on their mission, by establishing a Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) grant program; and

WHEREAS, [DOE](#) and other federal agencies have previously recognized the potential positive and negative impacts that facility operations have on host and adjacent communities and have incorporated requirements in federal grant programs to prepare and implement a Community Benefits Plan that includes community stakeholders to ensure local interests are heard, issues are identified, and concerns are addressed to both optimize benefits and minimize negative impacts on the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NLC calls on Congress and the Administration to require DOE facilities to prepare a Community Benefits Plan that meets the agency's previous standards

47 and expectations for community engagement, workforce development, diversity, and issues
48 relating to the environment of impacted communities.