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### **Spending Bill Provides \$50 Million in Funding for Defense Community Program**

The sweeping bipartisan spending package announced late Monday and expected to be enacted this week includes \$50 million for the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program, a new DOD grant program that will provide critical funding for off-base, mission-supporting infrastructure projects including transportation, schools, hospitals, police, fire, emergency response, water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas or other utility infrastructure owned by a state or local government.

A member initiative developed and advanced by the Association of Defense Communities, this program fills an important gap in funding to support critical infrastructure near bases.

"We believe community infrastructure deficiencies directly impact military readiness and federal funding to address these deficiencies will enhance military value, resilience and quality of life at our nation's military installations," said Joe Driskill, ADC president. "Congress recognized the importance of these investments and this funding will be an important first step in ensuring our nation's most important infrastructure remains strong and resilient."

More than 150 mayors and other local leaders from across the country endorsed the program and its value earlier this year.

"On behalf of ADC and the 300 communities, states and regions who worked hard to advance this program, we are thankful for the support of House and Senate appropriations committee chairs Shelby and Lowey, the members of the Defense Communities Caucus and the numerous members on both sides of the aisle who made funding this program a priority," said Mike Cooper, chair of ADC's Federal Outreach Advisory Committee, which led the DCIP effort on behalf of ADC. "We look forward to working with DOD to make sure this program is implemented quickly and begins to make investments in hundreds of projects around the country."

ADC will be releasing its recommendations for the program's implementation in the coming days and will engage DOD leaders on its plans for the program. ADC will continue to share information on the program as it is released and will provide in-depth coverage at the 2020 Installation Innovation Forum ([installationinnovation.org](http://installationinnovation.org)) in San Antonio this February.

## **About ADC**

ADC is the connection point for leaders from communities, states, the military and industry on community-military issues and installation management to enhance knowledge, information sharing and best practices. With nearly 300 communities, states, regions, and affiliated industry organization as members, ADC represents every major defense community/state in the nation. To learn more, visit [defensecommunities.org](http://defensecommunities.org).

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