



# City of Flagstaff

## News Release

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### **Rio de Flag Project Receives Reauthorization Funds of \$102.9 Million**

FLAGSTAFF, AZ – On December 10, 2016, the Rio de Flag Flood Control project received \$102 million in reauthorization funds from the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA 2000.)

This new \$102.9 million reauthorization for the project was recently sent to the President for his signature. As an authorized project the Rio de Flag construction funds may be received which indicates the project will be completed in the next five to seven years.

A significant flood event would directly affect more than half of Flagstaff's nearly 70,000 residents and would result in damages to approximately 1,500 structures valued at over \$450,000,000. Implementation of the City's Downtown and Southside Redevelopment Initiative are entirely dependent on the completion of the Rio de Flag Project. In addition to flood damage reduction, other benefits include elimination of mandatory flood insurance and restrictive floodplain management regulations.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) feasibility report proposes to contain the 100-year flood event through construction of 1.6 miles of flood control channel improvements, a 72-acre detention basin, property acquisition, utility relocations and three new bridges.

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