

Collier County Federal Legislative Agenda FY 2012 Appropriations 2011 Grants

Funding Priorities

Priority	Targeted Potential Federal Resources
I-75/ Everglades Boulevard Interchange \$4 million for design	Federal Transportation Appropriations Transportation Reauthorization Bill FHWA Grant Opportunities
I-75/Collier Boulevard/SR 84 (Davis Boulevard) \$4.5 million to update PD&E and begin design	Federal Transportation Appropriations Transportation Reauthorization Bill FHWA Grant Opportunities
Naples Bay Restoration (project authorized in 2007 Water Resources & Development Act) \$450,000 for US Army Corps of Engineers study	Federal Energy and Water Appropriations Direct USACE Allocations
Beach Renourishment (project authorized in 2007 WRDA) \$100,000 to fund engineering studies and permitting	Federal Energy and Water Appropriations Direct USACE Allocations
Vanderbilt Lagoon (project authorized in 2007 WRDA) \$250,000 to study feasibility of environmental restoration	Federal Energy and Water Appropriations Direct USACE Allocations
Tri-County Water Interconnect (project authorized in 2007 WRDA) \$5,000,000 for water interconnections with the cities of Naples and Marco Island	Federal Energy and Water Appropriations Direct USACE Allocations EPA Grant Opportunities
Collier Health Services \$500,000 for Assistance to Rural and Senior Residents	Federal Health and Human Services Appropriations Health and Human Services Grant Opportunities
Ochopee EMS/Fire Station on I-75 \$3,000,000 for 3,000-square-foot facility with 2 bays \$6,000,000 for Med Flight Aircraft	National Park Service Cooperative Agreement DHS and DOJ Grant Opportunities DHS and DOJ Grant Opportunities
Collier Area Transit \$6,000,000 for Radio Road Transit Site Development	Federal Transit Administration Grant Opportunities Transportation Reauthorization Bill

As New Federal Funding Opportunities Arise During the Year, Additional Projects May be Identified

Collier County 2011 Policy and Administrative Priorities

Topic	Position
EMPG Program	Support increase in funding for the Emergency Management Performance Grants
Stafford Act/Debris Removal	Ensure clarity regarding the eligibility for reimbursement of local government expenditures for removal of debris from private property, including roadways in private or gated communities.
Transportation Donor State	Florida currently ranks third worst in the US based upon the rate of return for federal highway funding, getting back only 92¢ on every dollar sent to Washington, DC. Historically, Florida currently ranks second of those considered "historical donor states." Florida has "donated" \$2,570,000,000 to improve roads in other states since 1956. The Transportation Reauthorization Bill in the coming year provides an opportunity to correct this historical inequity.
211	Support federal legislation that would provide local resources for the ongoing cost of \$200,000 annually and initial startup cost of \$100,000 for software.
Local Parks and Recreation	Establish dedicated federal funding streams for local parks and recreation facilities through legislative authorization. Funds would support projects such as: Eagles Lakes Park in East Naples , which is in need of a community center, and Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park , which is awaiting additional funds to expedite design and construction.
Local Government Foreclosure Assistance	Support additional funds to local government for programs such as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program , which provides funds to local governments to purchase and redevelop foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties.
Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)	Support legislation that would require that federal regulators and mortgage lenders treat PACE assessments like others and underwrite mortgages with PACE assessments allow property owners to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for their homes and commercial buildings.
1099 Repeal	Support repeal of health care overhaul legislation provision that would require you to complete and file I.R.S. Form 1099 for any vendor from which it purchased more than \$600 of goods or services in a year.
Local Government 3% Contracting Tax Withholding Requirements	Support repeal of measure that will require federal, state, and local governments to withhold 3 percent from all payments for goods and services, which would be a paperwork burden and likely increase the cost of such contracts.
Online Travel and Tourism Taxation	Prevent passage of legislation that would exempt online tourism bookers from paying appropriate sales taxes to state and local governments.
Local Jobs for America Act	Support legislation to provide units of general local government with funding to save and create local jobs through the retention, restoration, or expansion of services needed by local communities
Infrastructure Loan Bank Proposal	Support legislative initiatives that would increase local government access to government-backed low interest loans and private capital for priorities including transportation and water infrastructure.
EECBG	Build federal support for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) and to secure an ongoing source of funding for the program.