



**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

| Fiscal Years                              | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  | 2025  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Capital Expenditures                      | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Operating Costs                           | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| External Revenues                         | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Program Income (County)                   | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| In-Kind Match (County)                    | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| <b>NET FISCAL IMPACT</b>                  | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative) | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Budget Account No.: Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Object \_\_\_\_\_ Reporting Category \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

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| <p><i>Luc Monte</i> 3/25/21<br/>                 MF 3/25 MG 3/25 OFMB 3/25</p> | <p><i>[Signature]</i> 3/29/21<br/>                 Contract Dev. and Control<br/>                 3-29-21 TW</p> |
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**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

*[Signature]* 3/30/21  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Director



PALM BEACH COUNTY  
2021 MID-SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

County Administration  
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



|                              | Senate         | House          |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Budget</b>          | <b>\$ 95 B</b> | <b>\$ 97 B</b> |
| Library Grants and Aid       | \$ 21.5 M      | \$ 19.5 M      |
| Library Cooperative Grants   | \$ 2 M         | \$ 2 M         |
| Library Construction Grants  | \$ 2.5 M       | 0              |
| Historic Preservation Grants | \$ 2.4 M       | \$ 2.25 M      |
| Cultural & Museum Grants     | \$ 14.1 M      | \$ 13 M        |
| Transportation Disadvantaged | \$ 65.9 M      | \$ 65.1 M      |
| Job Growth Grant Fund        | \$ 26 M        | 0              |
| Enterprise Florida           | \$ 12.8 M      | \$ 14.4 M      |
| Visit Florida                | \$ 50 M        | \$ 50 M        |
| FRDAP                        | \$ 1.5 M       | \$ 1.5 M       |

# ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET



## Environmental Budget

| <u>Environmental Program</u> | <u>Senate (SB 2500)</u> | <u>House (HB 5001)</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| DEP Everglades Restoration   | \$343.6 million         | \$319.7 million        |
| Water Quality Improvements   |                         |                        |
| • Wastewater Grant Program   | \$141.1 million         | \$140 million          |
| • Total Maximum Daily Loads  | \$20 million            | \$26 million           |
| • Water Projects             | \$39.34 million         | \$29.14 million        |
| • Septic Upgrade Incentives  | \$10 million            | \$ 0                   |
| • Non-Point Source Grants    | \$17 million            | \$17 million           |
| • Reclaimed Water Program    | \$0.8 million           | \$ 0                   |
| Blue Green Algae Task Force  | \$10.8 million          | \$10.8 million         |
| Resilient Florida Program    | \$29 million            | \$36.2 million         |
| Alternative Water Supply     | \$10 million            | \$25 million           |
| Florida Forever              | \$50 million            | \$100 million          |
| Petroleum Tanks Cleanup      | \$61 million            | \$70 million           |
| Beach Management             | \$50 million            | \$100 million          |
| Reef Protection Tire Abate   | \$2.5 million           | \$2.5 million          |
| Land & Water Conservation    | \$13.5 million          | \$13.8 million         |
| Derelict Vessel Removal      | \$3.6 million           | \$3.6 million          |

\* NOTE: Budget conforming bills allocate \$50 million in recurring funds from the LATF for the Lake Okeechobee Restoration Project.

# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Local projects currently funded in either House or Senate budget:

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| RESTORE: Reentry                             | \$ 250,000 S & H             |
| Central PBC Infrastructure                   | \$ 1,500,000 H               |
| Lake Worth Lagoon                            | \$ 250,000 S                 |
| Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative    | \$ 176,825 H                 |
| Loggerhead Marinelifelife Ctr.               | \$ 249,779 S                 |
| West Tech Workforce Training                 | \$ 250,000 S                 |
| FAU – Max Planck Fellows                     | \$ 889,101 S & H             |
| Jewish Day School Security                   | \$ 1.5 M Senate; \$ 1M House |
| Boca Raton Habilitation Center               | \$ 200,000 S                 |
| City of Boca Raton Electric Vehicle Charging | \$ 250,000 S                 |
| Boynton Beach Pedestrian Crossing            | \$ 75,000 S & H              |
| Post-COVID Acceleration Project              | \$ 200,000 S                 |
| City of Delray Beach Summer Reading          | \$ 20,000 S                  |
| Riviera Beach Utilities Water Main           | \$ 295,000 H                 |
| Riviera Beach Public Safety Complex          | \$ 250,000 S                 |
| West Palm Beach Tidal Valve Project          | \$ 105,000 H                 |
| Belle Glade Stormwater                       | \$ 350,000 S                 |
| Pahokee King Park Improvements               | \$ 250,000 S                 |
| Rales Rides                                  | \$ 162,240 S                 |
| Place of Hope Child Welfare Services         | \$ 250,000 S & H             |
| Royal Palm Beach FPL Dry Ponds               | \$ 250,000 S                 |
| Royal Palm Beach LaMancha Ext.               | \$ 450,000 S & H             |



# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## Local beach projects in Senate budget:

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| South Boca Raton Beach Nourishment           | \$ 4,121,520 |
| South Lake Worth IMP Implementation          | \$ 1,350,000 |
| Delray Beach Shore Protection Project        | \$ 1,188,249 |
| Mid-Town Beach Nourishment                   | \$ 4,763,017 |
| Jupiter IMP Implementation                   | \$ 867,056   |
| Singer Island Dune Restoration               | \$ 800,228   |
| Jupiter Island and Blowing Rocks Nourishment | \$ 621,566   |
| Boca Raton IMP Implementation                | \$ 76,000    |

## Partially funded projects in budget; working to increase:

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Loxahatchee River Restoration | \$ 176,825 H |
| Lake Worth Lagoon             | \$ 250,000 S |

These priority projects are currently not funded in either budget but our team continues to work on amendments to include dollars in the appropriations bills:

- Peanut Island
- Fire Rescue Bunker Gear
- Everglades Workforce Training





# PALM BEACH COUNTY PRIORITIES

## Sadowski Housing TF

Redirect documentary stamp tax dollars that currently go to the affordable housing trust fund.

A third of the documentary stamp tax money would go to sea-level rise efforts, a third would go to a wastewater grant program and a third would go to affordable housing.

The proposal prohibits the funds distributed to the State Housing Trust Fund and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund from being transferred to the General Revenue Fund in the General Appropriations Act.

## HB 7041 – Elections

County commission elections, voter registration security, felony conviction disclosure, Vote by Mail procedures.





PALM BEACH  
COUNTY  
PRIORITIES:  
SUPPORT

SR 715

Designates a section of SR 715 for PBSO Deputies Deputy Sheriff Donta Manuel and Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Wallace.

SB 334 / HB 239 – Regulation of Smoking in Public Places

The bill allows counties and municipalities to restrict smoking, except for smoking cigars and pipe tobacco, within the boundaries of any of the public beaches and public parks they own.

Emergency Management

SB 1924/ HB 945 - Limits local-government emergency orders to 10 days and gives the governor or the Legislature the power to invalidate the actions.

SB 417 / HB 327 - Exempts name, address, and telephone number of a person which are held by an agency providing shelter or assistance to the person during an emergency.

SB 1824 / HB 1153 - Exempts after action report and emergency assessment reports from public record.



PALM BEACH  
COUNTY  
PRIORITIES:  
OPPOSE

SB 1076 / HB 53 - 1076 – Public Works Projects

Prohibit a county, municipality or other entity from imposing certain penalties in competitive solicitations for construction services when any state-appropriated funds are to be used to fund the project.

SB 60 / HB 883 – Code Enforcement

Prohibits anonymous code complaints.

SB 750 / HB 337 – Impact Fees

Limits impact-fee increases and defining the types of infrastructure projects that can be funded with impact-fee money.

SB 268 / HB 735 - Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing

Preempts the licensing of occupations to the state, unless already authorized by general law.

SB 1382 / HB 667 – Building Inspections

Requires local enforcement agencies to allow requests for inspections to be submitted electronically.



PALM BEACH  
COUNTY  
PRIORITIES:  
OPPOSE

SB 284 / HB 55 – Building Design

Would prohibit local governments from regulating specific building design elements for residential dwellings, with certain exceptions

SB 1084 / HB 805 – Volunteer Ambulance Services

Exempts certain faith-based volunteer first responder agencies that have operated for at least 10 consecutive years from the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) requirements.

SB 522 / HB 219 – Vacation Rentals

Would preempt the regulation of advertising platforms to the state.

SB 1429 / HB 2008 – Tourism Development Taxes

Would allow local governments to spend tourist taxes to combat climate change flooding, and require a referendum on new TDTs.



PALM BEACH  
COUNTY  
PRIORITIES:  
OPPOSE

SB 1678 / HB 1129 – Sovereign Immunity

Increases the statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state and its agencies and subdivisions.

SB 102 / HB 1053 – Attorney General Matters of Great Governmental Concern

Would authorize the Legislature to declare that a matter is one of great governmental concern and provide the Attorney General with the sole authority to file certain civil proceedings.

SB 1876 / PCS for HB 421 – Governmental Actions Affecting Private Property Rights

Amends the Bert Harris Property Rights Protection Act to revise terms and reduce the notification time frame from 150 days to 90.





# PALM BEACH COUNTY PRIORITIES

## SB 334 / HB 239 – Regulation of Smoking in Public Places

The bill allows counties and municipalities to restrict smoking, except for smoking cigars and pipe tobacco, within the boundaries of any of the public beaches and public parks they own.

## SB 1954 / HB 7019 – Statewide Sea Level Resilience

Creates the Resilient Florida Grant Program which would provide grants to local governments for resilience planning.

## SB 972 / HB 1019 – Administrative Telecommunications Meetings

Would permit the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact to conduct public meetings via communication technology.

## SB 84 - Retirement

Would prevent state workers hired after July 2022 from joining the Florida Retirement System's traditional pension plan and require new public employees to enroll in a 401(k)-type investment plan instead of defined benefit pension plan.



# LOCAL BILLS

## **Moving through committees:**

### HB 979 - Village of Wellington

Prohibits the sale and use of fireworks located within the Equestrian Preserve of the Village of Wellington.

### HB 915 - Port of Palm Beach

Swearing in date changed; salaries re-set at \$12,500 in statute.

### HB 1185 - Indian Trails Improvement District

Determining the feasibility of converting the District into a municipality.

### HB 1035 - Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District

Codification of special acts and conforming changes.

## **Not yet heard in a committee:**

### HB 973 - Town of Lake Clarke Shores

Annexation of Edgewater Park enclave.



PROPOSED  
FEDERAL  
APPROPRIATION  
PROJECTS

**PARKS and RECREATION**

**Peanut Island Coast Guard Facility  
and Kennedy Bunker Restoration - \$1.5 million**

Create an interactive educational and ecotourism experience for area school children, veterans, and visitors alike on Peanut Island, through the restoration of the Coast Guard facility, the Coast Guard Boathouse, the Kennedy Bunker, and the grounds and walkways leading to the Bunker and include an interactive museum that will allow visitors to experience what it would have been like to have been in the height of the Cold War.





# PROPOSED FEDERAL APPROPRIATION PROJECTS

## ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

### **Lake Okeechobee Shoreline Restoration - \$1.6 million**

Lake Okeechobee's sloping shoreline and wetland habitat were forever altered with the construction of the Herbert Hoover Dike and subsequent lake level fluctuations resulting in habitat losses and water quality degradation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has approved an Integrated Feasibility Report & Environmental Assessment for Pahokee Restoration through the USACE's Continuing Authorities Program, Section 1135. The report recommends a large-scale project to restore nearshore habitat within the lake by creating islands and wetland habitat. Palm Beach County is the Local Sponsor and requires a local match of 25% or \$3.2 million to match the upcoming 75% federal appropriation of <\$10 million.



# PROPOSED FEDERAL APPROPRIATION PROJECTS

## ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

### **Providencia Cay - \$2 million**

Providencia Cay is a planned restoration project in Lake Worth Lagoon and will create an intertidal island, oyster reef and seagrass habitat, restoring 6 acres of lost habitat. The restored habitat will provide improved wildlife and recreation activities, improve habitat and water quality for fisheries, birds, oysters, manatees, and sea turtles. It is a \$3.5 million project of which, \$1.5 million will be covered by re-use materials from marina and related development.



# PROPOSED FEDERAL APPROPRIATION PROJECTS

## WATER UTILITIES

### **Green Cay Phase 2 - \$10 million**

This one of a kind project will increase water supply sustainability through the continued creation of high quality reuse water via the southern water treatment plant expansion, utilizing state of the art, advanced treatment technologies and wetlands and providing public access to new a water education facility and community park.



PROPOSED  
FEDERAL  
APPROPRIATION  
PROJECTS



**PALM TRAN**

**Palm Beach County Bus Shelter Infrastructure** - \$16.16 million  
Funding will allow for the expansion of Palm Tran's current infrastructure with the addition of 300 new shelters.

**Palm Beach County Bus Fleet Electrification** - \$17.29 million  
Funding will allow for the purchase of 15 electric buses, including the installation of charging infrastructure and technician training.

**ENGINEERING**

**Flavor Pict Road** - \$27 million  
This project will construct 1.7 miles of new 4-lane roadway and bridge over Florida's Turnpike to complete the last link of Flavor Pict Road, making it a continuous east-west roadway from State Road 7 to South Military Trail.



# PROPOSED FEDERAL APPROPRIATION PROJECTS

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### **Recuperative Homeless Care - \$1 million**

This program would provide medical respite acute and post-acute care for people experiencing homelessness when they are not ill enough to remain in a hospital but too ill to recover on the streets.

### **Securing Our Future Initiative - \$1 million**

The Securing Our Future Initiative (SOFI) is a collective impact initiative designed to reduce child poverty within Palm Beach County. SOFI is building a system of care that maximizes economic mobility for families of low-income. This funding would enable the SOFI to offer mentors through the OpenTable program that develops a curriculum to increase self-sufficiency. It would also allow the initiative to measure success and identify best practices that can be implemented as a model for poverty reduction.



PROPOSED  
FEDERAL  
APPROPRIATION  
PROJECTS

**LIBRARY**

**Canyon Branch Library – \$500,000**

Due to rapid growth in the West Boynton area of Palm Beach County additional library service is needed. The new branch will feature our largest meeting room space that will sit 300 people. It will also have a digital media lab, beautiful children and teen rooms, ample study space, free public computers, a large collection of books, DVDs, and other resources and an Art in Public Places installation.

**COOP EXTENSION/MOUNTS BOTANICAL GARDEN**

**Mounts Botanical Garden – Visitor & Welcome Center -  
\$250,000**

MBG will be renovating an existing building located by its main entrance and presently used as a gift shop. The building's interior capacity will be expanded to three times its present size so it can more appropriately function as a multi-purpose Visitor & Welcome Center.



# PROPOSED FEDERAL APPROPRIATION PROJECTS

## AIRPORTS

### **North County Runway Expansion - \$1.8 million**

This project is to design an expanded runway to reduce operational limitations and increase flexibility for larger business class aircraft utilizing the North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport (F45). The current length of the airport's existing runway system is capable of supporting smaller general aviation jet and turboprop fleets, but larger aircraft may incur operational restrictions imposed by inadequate runway length.





COMMISSIONER  
QUESTIONS AND  
COMMENTS

