Agenda Item #: 5C-2

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: June 7, 2022 [ ] Consent [X] Regular [ ] Public Hearing
Department: Legislative Affairs
Submitted For: Legislative Affairs
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF
<b>Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt:</b> the 2022 Federal Legislative Agenda
<b>Summary:</b> Staff requests Board approval of the 2022 Federal Legislative Agenda, which outlines issues the County's Legislative Affairs Office and federal lobbyists are working on for the Congressional session. The agenda addresses legislative matters, grantfunding opportunities, and general issues to support and monitor. New agenda items include programmatic requests to increase funding for Farmworker and Migrant Housing repair and renovation, Fair Housing Funding Increases, FEMA Coastal Flood Maps and Veteran Pension Poaching. Countywide (SS).
<b>Background and Policy Issues:</b> Each year the Board of County Commissioners adopts a program of legislative and appropriation priorities for the Federal Legislative Session.
Attachments:
1. 2022 Federal Legislative Agenda
Recommended by:  Department Director  Date
Approved By: County Administration Date

### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Fi	ve Year Summary of	f Fiscal Impa	act:				
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C.	<b>Departmental Fisc</b> There is no fiscal im		ted with this	item.			
		III. <u>REV</u>	IEW COMMI	ENTS			
A.	OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:						
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B.	Legal Sufficiency:				•		
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C.	Other Department	Review:					
	Department	Director					

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### TRANSPORTATION



### Jet Availability at Lantana Airport

Fighting attempts to revoke grant funding opportunities to county airports

### Farm to Market Road Repair

- Supporting repairing roads for the transportation of agricultural products
- Budget Language request made to consider farm-to-market roads as an eligible project for the FY23 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program

### Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Seek and coordinate grant application efforts

# ROAD CONSTRUCTION, RAIL & TRAFFIC ENGINEERING



### Palm Tran

Secured increases in funding levels for following grant programs:

- Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grants
  - FY22: \$1,936,280
- Section 5310 Senior and Disabled Grants
  - FY22: \$1,999,743
- Section 5311 Rural Grant Funds
  - FY 22: \$353,821

### Future funding efforts:

- Palm Tran Connection Efficiencies Initiative
- Transit Worker and Pedestrian Protection Act: Supports legislation to protect bus operators and reduce accidents
- Bus Shelter Expansion: replacing 150 of 330 existing shelters and 250 additional shelters for a new total of 580.

### ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES



### Water Resources Development Projects

- Support funding for continuing authorities projects for habitat restoration in Lake Worth Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee
- House Water Resources Development Act included:
  - \$100M for wastewater infrastructure and stormwater management to improve the Lake Worth Lagoon, Indian River Lagoon and St. Lucie River
- Seek Grant Funding/Matching Funds for Green Cay Phase 2

### Coral Reef Protection

Restoring Resilient Reefs Act

### Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

- Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Plan
- Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Plan

South Florida Regional Climate Change Compact
Central & South Florida Flood Control Project Comprehensive
Study funding in WRDA

### PUBLIC SAFETY & DISASTER RELIEF



### **Hurricane Relief Support**

Maintaining FEMA Reimbursement for Category B

### FEMA Costal Flood Maps

Postponement of further FEMA activities related to finalizing preliminary 2019 costal flood maps

### Federal Catastrophic Insurance

Amending National Flood Insurance Program to allow multiperil coverage from a national catastrophic insurance fund

### Glades Region Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Support efforts to complete repairs to HHD, assessments and certifications to prepare updated FIRMS, and efforts to mitigate negative economic impacts to Glades region

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE



### Opportunity Zone Designations

Make Opportunity Zones more focused on areas truly in need of capital

Community Development Block Grant
Support continued and enhanced funding

### New Market Tax Credit Grant

- Support efforts to more equitably distribute future NMTC grants nationwide
- Support Administration plan to make credit permanent

<u>Investments Supporting Redevelopment in Distressed and Brownfield Areas</u>

Support investments to increase development efforts

### HOUSING



### Farmworker and Migrant Housing

- Request to increase funding in the USDA Farm Labor Housing Loan and Grant Program to \$25M
- Request to increase funding through Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act-National Farmworker Jobs Program to \$15M

Neighborhood Homes Investment Act (NHIA)
Support NHIA and federal programs for tax credit investment

Income Limits/Rural Definition/USDA Housing
Find legislative vehicle to work with HUD to develop separate guidelines for Glades region

### **Housing Costs**

- Support the Housing Supply Action Plan
- Focus on efforts to help renters

## HOUSING, HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



### Fair Housing Funding Increase Requests

- Fair Housing Initiative Program: \$73.5M
- Fair Housing Assistance Program: \$35.2M
- Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity: \$153M

### Community Services Block Grant

Support Reauthorization through FY 2031

### Veteran Homelessness

Support programs put forth by the federal government to assist in ending homelessness for our veterans

### **Family Caregiving**

Support resources for caregiving youth

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



### Mental Health Services Funding

Continued appropriation of funds, development of evidenced based community care, and protecting the expansion of mental health benefits and parity protections

### Mental Health Parity & Substance Use Disorder Act

Laws which require full mental health parity and urge insurance providers to comply with such laws

### Fair Change Improvement Act

Removal of criminal history inquiries

### Veterans/Pension Poacher

Education to make it easier to identify and penalize scams, compromising a Veteran's ability to receive pension benefits

### Funding for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Allow for flexibility and accessibility to most appropriate food choices for each family

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



### **Sober Homes**

Support clarifications to the Fair Housing Amendments Act and changes to prevent abuse and exploitation of patients

Opioid / Substance Use Disorder
Full funding, and reauthorization of Cures Act

### **Temporary Protected Status**

- Validity of TPS-related documentation extended to December 31, 2022
- Continuation of TPS

### **EDUCATION**



Institute for Museum and Library Services
and the Library Services and Technology Act
Support full funding

### **Broadband Access and Affordability**

- Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program
- Affordable Connectivity Programs
- Monitor future funding opportunities

## QUESTIONS AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS



### 2022 STATE BUDGET VETOES



Nearly 450 line items vetoed for a total of \$3.1 billion

### Statewide Items Vetoed:

\$1,000,000,000
\$850,000,000
\$350,000,000
\$75,000,000
\$65,000,000
\$47,115,181
\$35,000,000
\$20,000,000

School Recognition Funding

### 2022 STATE BUDGET VETOES



Palm Beach County Requests Vetoed:	
Homeless Resource Center 2	\$250,000
Chain of Lakes Blueway Trail Access Project	\$250,000
Other Projects in Palm Beach County Vetoed:	
PBAU Business School Building	\$5,000,000
Boca Raton City Hall Emergency Generator	\$1,100,000
Highland Beach Crosswalks Phase 2	\$60,000
Highland Beach Fire Rescue EOC	\$400,000
Highland Beach SR A1A Drainage Repairs	\$750,000
Loxahatchee Groves Equestrian Trail	\$45,000
North Palm Beach EOC Emergency Generator	\$200,000
Palm Beach Historic Fire Station Renovation	\$875,000
Palm Springs EOC Hardening	\$630,022
Riviera Beach Mobile Command Center	\$500,000
Royal Palm Beach - Commons Park	\$450,000
WPB - South Flagler Drive Bike Lane Project	\$250,000
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Palm Beach County Oral History Project	\$47,400
Rales Rides - Senior Transportation Program	\$212,000

## PBC ITEMS FUNDED



### Palm Beach County Projects Funded:

RESTORE Reentry	\$250,000
PBC Rape Crisis Center	\$282,039
Everglades Workforce Training	\$1,700,000
Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative (1)	\$359,375
Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative (4)	\$825,000
UF Global Center for Tech. and Innov.	\$100,000,000
C-51 Reservoir Phase 2	\$65,000,000
PB State College Med & Dental Bldg.	\$25,000,000
Cox Science Center	\$10,000,000
PBC Beach and Inlet Projects	\$6,107,470
PBC Cultural and Museum Grants	\$4,950,429
West Tech Education Center	\$397,288
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Boca Raton Habilitation Center	\$300,000