

2010
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA



★ Federal Funding Requests ★

As Congress prepares to begin work on appropriations legislation for FY 2011, Seminole County Government is requesting federal funding for the following projects:

State Road 46 – Regional Evacuation Route (SR 415 To CR 426)



The County respectfully requests \$2 million under the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation account in the FY 2011 Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill for the design of State Road 46, which expands State Road 46 to 4-lanes from State Road 415 to County Road 426. With your help, this project received \$500,000 in FY 2008.

- Improve travel on a regional basis and improve hurricane evacuation route which serves Orange, Seminole, Volusia and Brevard Counties.
- Total cost of the project is \$106 million.
- Adopted by the Metroplan Orlando Board in 2009 as part of the Long Range Plan year 2030.
- Florida Department of Transportation is the agency to implement the project since it is a State roadway and serves traffic on a regional basis.

Regional Surface Water Facility At Yankee Lake



The County respectfully requests \$2 million under the Army Corps of Engineers Construction Account (219 project) in the FY 2011 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill for a Regional Surface Water Facility at Yankee Lake. In addition, the County requests \$500,000 under the State and Tribal Assistance Grant account in the FY 2011 Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill for the project.

- New regional alternative water treatment facility allowing Seminole County and other Central Florida regional utilities to meet state initiatives to reduce the reliance on groundwater.
- Facility will include a river intake, raw water pump station, and a pipeline to convey the raw water from the St. Johns River to the new treatment facility.
- Reduce Seminole County's reliance on fresh groundwater by increasing the production of reclaimed water and will protect the Wekiva Basin springflow.
- Total cost for this project is \$68 million. Awarded \$7.5 million by the St. Johns River Water Management District.
- Seminole County is prepared to provide the remaining \$56.5 million in matching funds.

Radio Communications Upgrade For Law Enforcement



The County respectfully requests \$1 million under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) account in the FY 2011 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill to upgrade the radio system from analog to digital technology for their law enforcement personnel. Phase one of this project has a total cost of \$6 million. It includes purchasing and installing the following: Motorola P25 Master Switch, P25 Smart X box, and a P25 MGEG box.

- Radio system was originally designed and implemented in 1986 but has reached its end of life for support including repair and replacement of mission critical components.
- Serves the local cities, the Sheriff's Office, School Board and Sanford Airport Authority as well as regional stakeholders.

Healthy Seminole



The County respectfully requests \$275,000 under the FY 2011 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Bill's Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) account for the *Healthy Seminole* project.

- Created in 2004 to provide primary and secondary care services to the uninsured and underinsured.
- Estimated that over 56,000 citizens in Seminole County are uninsured or underinsured, including homeless people.
- Partnership involving the providers including hospitals, the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), faith-based clinics, free clinics, social service agencies, mental health centers, Seminole County Health Department and local pharmacies.
- Many of the services are donated by volunteer physicians, pharmacies and diagnostic providers.
- Phase I is to develop an infrastructure in which to expand the system of care.
- Phase II is to develop and expand its comprehensive system of care to include preventive services, secondary and tertiary care as well as enhanced dental services for the uninsured.
- Plans to increase capacity for acute primary care and invest in health navigation staff that coordinates with volunteer physician specialists and hospitals to provide free or reduced cost medical care.
- Funds requested would cover medical case management, direct medical services, outreach to the homeless, coordination and evaluation processes.
- Seminole County currently contributes \$120,000, Shepherd's Hope provides \$250,000, and the County has leveraged donated services equaling \$2 million as well as grants from the Blue Foundation.

★ Top Federal Legislative Issues for Monitoring ★

✗ **OPPOSE** unfunded mandates or any bills that preempt local government authority.

✓ **SUPPORT** funding of federal grant programs for public safety, emergency management and affordable housing.

✓ Three (3%) Percent Withholding Tax on County Purchases: **SUPPORT** repealing requirement for counties beginning in 2011 to withhold federal taxes on payments for services or products.

✓ Federal Benefits for Eligible Medicaid and Medicare Eligible Prisoners: **SUPPORT** allowing persons charged and incarcerated, but not convicted, to continue to be eligible for federal medical benefits until they may be convicted and sentenced to a prison facility.

✓ Transportation Reauthorization: **SUPPORT** reauthorization of federal transportation programs.

- Distribution formula
- Mass transit/Rail

✓ Access to Federal Contracts: **SUPPORT** expanding authorization for local governments to use approved federal contracts and vendors to include conservation and green projects.

✓ Water Quality – Clean Water Restoration Act: **SUPPORT** legislation that:

- Clarifies the basis and scope of the Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction, including a more descriptive definition of the jurisdictional waters included within the term;
- Maintains Congress' policy and CWA provisions that recognize, preserve, and protect the primary responsibilities and rights of states to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution and to plan for the development and use (including restoration, preservation, and enhancement) of land and water resources;
- Establishes specific standards that protect wetlands having significant ecological functions or hydrological connection to navigable waters;
- Clarifies that CWA jurisdiction does not include isolated, intrastate, nonnavigable waters such as isolated ponds, ditches, and other channels containing intermittent or ephemeral water flows occurring during less than 3 months of the year as "navigable waters" or "waters of the United States"; and
- Relies upon CWA jurisdiction under Congress' commerce power to accomplish the objectives of the CWA and does not add the phrase "activities affecting such waters" to the definition of "navigable waters" or "waters of the United States".



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