



2023 State Legislative Priorities

Priority Funding:

1. \$950,000 FY 2024 State Appropriation Request – Johnson Street/Memorial Regional Hospital C-10 Canal Bridge Widening Project
2. \$500,000 Dowdy Armory Renovations – Special Category Grant Program (Division of Historical Resources)
3. \$50,000 Coral Rock House – Small Matching Grant Program (Division of Historical Resources)
4. \$50,000 Oakridge Park – Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FDEP)
5. \$25,000 Arts Park Cultural Programming – General Program Support Grant Program (Division of Cultural Affairs)
6. Fred Lippman Center Funding

Coordinated Funding:

1. Beach Renourishment and Sand-By-Pass Funding
2. Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund – advocate for full funding of trust fund dollars
3. Visit Florida Funding (Visit Florida was reauthorized until October 1, 2023)

Policy Topics to Monitor and Engage:

1. Affordable Housing Programs and Funding, including senior funding assistance for condominium assessments following Surfside
2. Building Code and Other Growth Management Policies
3. Dedicating State Resources to Enhance Municipal Cybersecurity Efforts
4. Enhanced Funding for Economic Development Opportunities
5. Maintenance of Current Rate for Communications Services Tax
6. Preservation of Ability to Levy a Local Business Tax
7. Preservation of Home Rule; Defense Against Preemption Efforts
8. Preservation of the Sadowski Affordable Housing and Resilient Florida Trust Funds
9. Resiliency Measures, including but not limited to sea level rise resilience, Water Quality, and Other Environmental Issues
10. Seminole Gaming Compact
11. Septic to Sewer Conversion Funding
12. Sovereign Immunity and Claim Bill Reform
13. Vacation Rentals Regulations/Authority Restored to Local Governments
14. Vessels and Waterways Issues (including the protection of anchoring limitation areas designated at the county-level)

Executive Branch:

1. Assist city staff with agency grant opportunities (i.e. Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, Historic Preservation Grants, Resilient Florida Grant Program, Water Protection Grants)
2. Continue to assist city staff (Department of Public Utilities) with the administrative order from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
3. Continue to serve as the City's liaison to the Executive Office of the Governor and other relevant state agencies, such as the: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC)

Important Dates:

- January 3 – February 24, 2023 *Committee Weeks*
- March 7, 2023 *Regular Session convenes*
- May 5, 2023 *Last day of Regular Session (unless extended)*