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# Legislative Priorities

September 15, 2015

# Purpose



To review the outcomes of last year's legislative requests, and present this year's Lake County proposed legislative priorities.

# Outline



- Introduction
- Legislative Priorities 2015 – Review
- State Legislative Priorities 2016
- Federal Legislative Priorities 2016
- Important Dates
- Requested Action

# Introduction



- Each year, the Lake County Board of County Commissioners submits a list of priorities and requests to the Lake County Legislative Delegation.
- Last year, 23 state legislative priorities and 3 federal priorities were submitted.
- This year's proposed list includes 15 state funding issues, and 4 federal funding issues.

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# 2015 Legislative Priorities

# Lake County 2015 State Legislative Response



Economic Development	Funding Received
Ferndale Preserve	Not Funded
McDonald Canal Boat Ramp	Not Funded
Montverde Boat Ramp	Not Funded
Lake Technical Center for Advanced Manufacturing	Not Funded
Lake-Sumter State College's Science Lab Facility	<b>\$6 million</b>

# Lake County 2015 State Legislative Response



Transportation	Funding Received
Citrus Grove Road Urban Collector	\$1 million
County Road 466A	\$2.5 million
Transportation Disadvantaged Program	\$672,000
Wekiva Trail Right-of-Way	Not Funded

# Lake County

## 2015 State Legislative Response



Human Services	Funding Received
Affordable Housing SHIP funding	<b>\$1.5 million</b>
Behavioral Health System	Status Quo
County Health Departments	Funding Reduced
County Share of Medicaid Services	Status Quo
Funding of the Medicaid-Waiver Program	<b>\$150,000</b>
Guardian ad Litem	Not Funded
State Aid to Libraries	Funding Reduced
Re-entry Pilot Program	Funded, But Vetoed
State Homeless Grant	Not Funded



# Lake County 2015 State Legislative Response



Environment	Funding Received
East Lake Community Park Central Sewer	Not Funded
Fuel Spill Remediation	<b>\$500,000</b>
Mount Plymouth/Sorrento Central Wastewater Study	Not Funded
South Lake Regional Water Initiative	<b>\$300,000</b>
Wolf Branch Sink Drainage Improvement Project	Not Funded

**Total State Legislative Response = \$12.6 million**

# Lake County 2015 Federal Legislative Response



Item	Funding Received
Citrus Grove Road funds from Federal Highway Admin.	Not Funded
Continuum of Care Grants	<b>\$225,000</b>
CDBG Funding	<b>\$1.1 million</b>

**Total Federal Legislative Response = \$1.3 million**

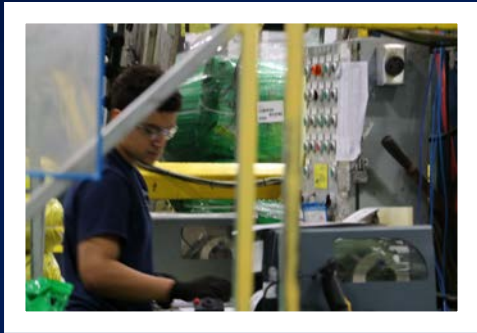
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# **2016 Lake County Proposed State Legislative Priorities**

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities



This year's proposed priorities are categorized by:



**Economic  
Development**



**Health & Human  
Services**



**Public  
Infrastructure**

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# Economic Development

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Economic Development



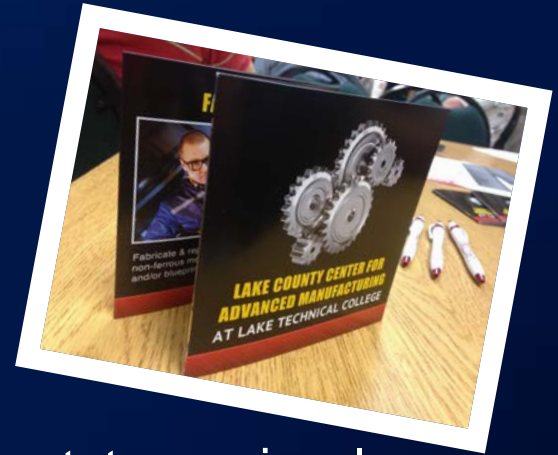
### Lake County Center for Advanced Manufacturing at Lake Technical College:

- **Request:**

- \$2.8 million for the construction of the Lake County Center for Advanced Manufacturing at Lake Technical College in Eustis.

- **Analysis:**

- The total cost of the project is \$4.2 million, with the state previously contributing \$1.4 million. This year's request would complete the project.
- The project would support workforce needs in manufacturing.



# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Economic Development



## Florida Advanced Manufacturing Research Center:

- **Request:**
  - Support UCF's and Osceola County's request for funding of a regional advanced manufacturing hub in Central Florida.
  - Their request is for \$150 million, which includes \$25 million to complete construction and \$125 million for operating costs for the first five years.
- **Analysis:**
  - Phase I funding (\$120 million) has been secured to begin construction.
  - Initial construction will include a 100,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility located in Osceola County.
  - Will focus on next-generation advanced manufacturing technology.

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Economic Development



## Revisions to Florida Statute 163.3245 (Sector Plans):

- **Request:**
  - Refine the language in the Florida Statute used to define sector plans. This should include minimum acreage requirements following any changes, such as municipal annexations, and the status of previously approved entitlements, like Planned Urban Developments (PUD).
- **Analysis:**
  - Currently, statute is unclear as to the status of a PUD once a sector plan is approved, or what happens when a sector plan falls below the 15,000 minimum acreage due to municipal annexations.



# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Economic Development – Libraries



### State Aid to Libraries Operating Grant:

- **Request:**
  - Restore statewide funding levels to \$27.4 million (FY 2014), and work towards the 2001 funding levels of \$33.4 million.
- **Analysis:**
  - This year's funding is \$22.3 million statewide.
  - Lake County is estimated to receive \$200,000, a reduction of \$80,000 from FY 2014.



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# Health & Human Services

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Health & Human Services



### Re-entry Pilot Program:

- Request:
  - \$456,000 total (\$228,000 each year for the next two years).
- Analysis:
  - A re-entry program will provide coordination between governmental and non-governmental agencies to reduce the recidivism of persons released from incarceration.
  - Will reduce the cost of incarceration by providing resources to help ensure persons released become productive members of society.

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Health & Human Services - Housing



### State Homeless Grant Funding:

- **Request:**
  - Increase and/or fully fund the Challenge Grant and reinstate the Housing Homeless Recovery (HHR) Grant.
- **Analysis:**
  - The state's Challenge Grant funds have been reduced, and the HHR grant has been eliminated. This combination results in a \$850,000 funding reduction impact annually in housing assistance for homeless families in Lake County.

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Health & Human Services - Housing



### Affordable Housing SHIP funding:

- **Request:**
  - \$2.8 million to fully restore the State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) funds for affordable housing.
- **Analysis:**
  - SHIP was designed to use doc stamp fees to provide local governments a funding source to address affordable housing.
  - Lake County has been allocated \$1.5 million for FY 2015/16, which is only 53 percent of the calculated formula.
  - In recent years, the remaining funds were redirected to help balance the state's budget.



# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Health & Human Services - Transportation



### Medicaid-Waiver Program for Transport of the Disabled:

- **Request:**

- Fully fund the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD), so that it can pay the actual costs of providing transportation disadvantaged services pursuant to Florida Statute 427.0135.

- **Analysis:**

- Lake County works with Sunrise Arc to provide trips under the Medicaid-Waiver program for the APD. The County is being reimbursed at a rate far lower than actual cost.
- Should trip volume remain constant for the year, the County's reimbursement will fall short by \$127,000 of actual costs.

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Health & Human Services - Transportation



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### Transportation Disadvantaged Program:

- **Request:**
  - Lake County is requesting to keep the funding for this program intact at \$671,713.
- **Analysis:**
  - With this requested state funding from the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged, and a local match of \$74,635, a total of 40,000 trips can be provided.



# Public Infrastructure



# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Public Infrastructure - Roads



### Citrus Grove Road:



- **Request:**
  - \$14.6 million for construction of Phase I and Phase II of Citrus Grove Road.
- **Analysis:**
  - Citrus Grove Road will provide a major east west connection to the Florida Turnpike Interchange, with scheduled completion set for 2017.
  - The project is currently funded for both engineering and right-of-way expenses.

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Public Infrastructure - Roads



### County Road 466A - Phase III:

- Request:
  - \$10.5 million needed for construction of Phase III of County Road 466A.
- Analysis:
  - Phase III will complete this four-lane project from U.S. Highway 27 west to U.S. Highway 301.
  - Phase I of the project is programmed for construction bid in December 2015. Phase II is in construction phase, with completion set for May 2016. Phase III is currently funded for Engineering and Right-of-Way acquisition.



# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Public Infrastructure – Water Quality



### East Lake Community Park Central Sewer Connection:



- **Request:**
  - \$1 million to support the connection of the 34-acre East Lake Community Park in Sorrento, to the municipal wastewater system provided by the City of Eustis.
- **Analysis:**
  - The East Lake Community Park is located within the Wekiva River Basin Watershed.
  - This is a shovel ready project and would be a one-time capital expense.

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Public Infrastructure – Water Quality



### Mount Plymouth/Sorrento Central Wastewater Feasibility Study:

- **Request:**
  - \$300,000 for a feasibility study to examine the viability and cost to implement a community-wide central wastewater system.
- **Analysis:**
  - The community is currently served by septic systems with a few subdivisions being serviced by individual wastewater treatment plants.
  - To encourage economic development in this community, a central wastewater system is necessary.

# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Public Infrastructure – Parks



### Ferndale Preserve:

- Request:

- \$1.5 million to design and construct a one-mile trail at Ferndale Preserve to connect the park entrance to park amenities on the western shore of Lake Apopka.

- Analysis:

- Planned lakefront capital improvements include an observation tower, fishing pier, and canoe/kayak launch, but there is no connection from the park entrance/parking area (currently only accessible from the lake).



# 2016 State Legislative Priorities

## Public Infrastructure – Parks



### Helena Run Preserve:

- Request:
  - \$600,000 to purchase 20 acres adjacent to the existing 18.6-acre Helena Run Preserve.
- Analysis:
  - The lake on the existing 18.6 acres is not easily accessible to the public.
  - The adjacent 20-acre upland parcel would allow for an entrance, parking and recreational activities.

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# 2016 Federal Legislative Priorities



# 2016 Federal Legislative Priorities

## Health & Human Services - Housing



### Affordable Housing Trust Fund:

- **Request:**
  - Maintain or increase current levels of funding for the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) and the Elderly Housing Section 202.
- **Analysis:**
  - The National Housing Trust Fund funds the State Affordable Housing Tax Credit program.
  - Historically, these funds have provided more than 1,200 units of affordable housing for Lake County.
  - If increased, these funds could assist many more families and help senior citizens retain and or attain decent, safe housing.



# 2016 Federal Legislative Priorities

## Health & Human Services - Housing



### Community Development Block Grant:

- **Request:**
  - Maintain or increase the current Housing & Urban Development's \$1.1 million funding.
- **Analysis:**
  - CDBG dollars in Lake County help fund critical needs ranging from low-income housing to public services and infrastructure projects.



# 2016 Federal Legislative Priorities

## Health & Human Services - Housing



### Homeless Funding:

- Request:
  - Maintain or increase the current \$250,000 Continuum of Care grants for the Transitional Living and Shelter Plus Care programs under the Department of Housing & Urban Development.
- Analysis:
  - More than 50 families are currently being housed and provided support services with this funding.

# 2016 Federal Legislative Priorities

## Health & Human Services - Housing



### HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds:

- Request:
  - Maintain or increase the projected \$500,000 of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grant funds Lake County is projected to receive in FY 2016 for homeownership and rental development programs under the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Analysis:
  - HOME funds in Lake County will assist families in attaining affordable rental and homeownership activities.

# Important Dates



Event	Date
Lake Legislative Days	November 17 & 18
FAC Legislative Conference	November 18-20
Presentation to Lake County Delegation	December 9
Legislative Session begins	January 12

# Requested Action



Approve the proposed legislative priorities for 2016.