



City of Port St. Lucie

Proposed FY 2021 Federal Legislative Program

ST. LUCIE RIVER/C-23 WATER QUALITY PROJECT AT MCCARTY RANCH FEDERAL PERMITTING AND PARTNERSHIPS TO ADVANCE PROJECT

BENEFIT:

This project will minimize the fresh water and nutrient discharges into the C-23 Canal, and then, into the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. When the entire project is complete, it will take 1,871 acres of fallow citrus grove and convert it into a shallow water quality and treatment facility. Every year, this project will keep up to 21 percent of nutrient-laden discharges from entering the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, protecting the quality of its water.

REQUEST:

The City is seeking federal partnerships, including opportunities to expedite permitting, to advance completion of the project and improve water quality on the C-23 Canal and St. Lucie River. The City is seeking partnerships and funding to potentially purchase additional land for the project and other water quality projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

SOUTHERN GROVE JOBS CORRIDOR

BENEFIT:

The next extension of Hegener Drive will include drainage, utility service and electrical improvements that will serve 133+ acres and provide direct access to an additional 108+ acres of vacant land. The infrastructure improvements can accommodate an estimated 1.6 million square feet of commercial development, generate over 2,473 new jobs, and promote economic development in the City of Port St Lucie's jobs corridor.

REQUEST:

- The City of Port St Lucie is requesting funding assistance for a roadway improvement project in the Tradition Center for Commerce through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and is pursuing federal grant opportunities to advance Southern Grove.
- Total project cost is: \$4,078,749. A 50% match is required.

PARKS & RECREATION: LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT

BENEFIT:

The City of Port St. Lucie is in the process of designing an Adventure Park that will allow the residents of Port St. Lucie to enjoy the recreational and sport BMX, Skateboarding and other adventure activities.

REQUEST:

The City of Port St. Lucie will seek a \$400,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to support construction of the City’s first ever Adventure Park.

The City requests support for this grant and other federal funding partnerships.

OTHER REQUESTS:

Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Request to support PROJECT TEMPO

Support the City’s request for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Port St. Lucie is focused on cutting-edge transportation infrastructure improvements that will provide connectivity, create innovative mobility options, enhance quality of life, and spur economic development on Florida’s Treasure Coast. The City of Port St Lucie is partnering with autonomous vehicle leader BEEP. Inc. and nationally-known developer Mattamy Homes to create a “well-being community” in the Tradition community and adjacent Southern Grove jobs corridor. The project will provide residents with new transportation choices on a separated 13-mile multimodal Tradition Trail, including walking, biking, and driverless passenger shuttle opportunities. The project will also extend Hegener Drive in Southern Grove to unlock an additional 108 acres of pad-ready sites for commercial and industrial development, with the potential to create 2,500 new jobs.

INDIAN RIVER LAGOON-SOUTH (IRL-S)/COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN (CERP)

Support funding for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and the Indian River Lagoon-South Restoration Project (IRL-S). Specifically, the City supports the completion of the C-23 and C-24 reservoir projects and associated storm water treatment area. The City supports continuing implementation of all facets of Everglades restoration, including funding for continued work on the Central Everglades Planning Project, the Herbert Hoover Dike, and the Tamiami Trail bridging project to send more water south and reduce the need to send water through the St. Lucie River to the Indian River Lagoon during wet periods. The City supports funding partnerships with federal, state and local governments and improved policy and processes to advance restoration and water quality through local projects such as the McCarty Ranch Water Quality Project and continuing to advance the City’s septic to sewer conversion program, one of the nation’s largest municipal conversion programs .

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Support maintaining funding for federal programs including the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant and funding for any City federal or state grant application.

KEY FEDERAL GRANTS THE CITY IS PURSUING IN 2021:

National Park Service – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant (up to \$750,000, 1:1 match - requires state participation)

National Park Service (through State) – Land & Water Conservation Fund

U.S. Department of Transportation – BUILD Grant

U.S. Department of Justice – Community Policing Development Microgrant (\$50,000) – Implementation of Awarded Grant

National Endowment for the Arts – Our Town (up to \$200,000), Challenge America (\$10,000) – Implementation of Awarded Grants, Seeking Additional Funding

Federal Emergency Management Agency (through State) – Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant

Federal Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant (through State)

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant

Federal Emergency Management Agency (through State) – Hazard Mitigation Grants

Economic Development Administration – Public Works (up to \$3 million)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Building Blocks Technical Assistance

PROGRAMS WE ARE SUPPORTING:

ST. LUCIE COUNTY’S 2021 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Support St. Lucie County’s 2021 Federal Legislative Agenda and common priorities in the areas of Water Resources and Environment, Health and Human Services and General Administration.

FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES 2021 FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA

Support the Florida League of Cities 2021 Federal Action Agenda and the Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) and advocacy efforts regarding Water Quality and Water Supply, Investing in Infrastructure (Florida Transportation Infrastructure, Florida Broadband Infrastructure); Federal Preemption of Small Wireless Infrastructure Deployment; National Flood Insurance; and ADA Compliance for Municipal Websites.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA

Support the National League of Cities Federal Action Agenda

POLICIES WE ARE SUPPORTING:

SOBER HOMES

The City of Port St. Lucie supports legislation to clarify the Fair Housing Amendments Act and its application to sober homes.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES

Support the expansion of the Opportunity Zone program to include additional areas of economic opportunity.

CARES ACT EXTENSION AND FLEXIBILITY

Support additional funds to local governments to support recovery from the Coronavirus global pandemic, support the extension of expenditure of funding allocated via the CARES act through the duration of the pandemic and support greater flexibility in funding to support recovery.