



City of Port St. Lucie

FY 2022 Federal Legislative Program

ST. LUCIE RIVER/C-23 WATER QUALITY PROJECT AT MCCARTY RANCH FUNDING, 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.

REQUESTS:

- The City is seeking a federal appropriation of \$324,483 to support Area 4 of the St. Lucie River/C-23 Water Quality Project at McCarty Ranch.
- 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.

ADVANCE PORT ST. LUCIE BOULEVARD SOUTH

BENEFIT:

The City Council has prioritized the widening of Port St. Lucie Boulevard South from 2 to 4 lanes, incorporating improvements for pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic along this highly utilized commercial and residential namesake corridor. The project includes adding multi-use paths, landscaped median, irrigation, signalized intersections, roadway lighting, curb and gutter, underground drainage, and relocation of water and sewer lines.

Federal investment will accelerate the construction of the shovel-ready corridor, which is already included in the Florida Department of Transportation's 5-Year Work Plan. Once construction is complete, the infrastructure improvements will be owned and maintained by the City of Port St. Lucie. All construction will occur on public land and property acquisition has been completed by the Florida Department of Transportation. The 1.076-mile segment is fully designed.

REQUESTS:

Support \$2,000,000 Appropriation for Segment 2.2

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: SOUTHERN GROVE JOBS CORRIDOR

BENEFIT:

The next extension of the jobs corridor 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.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM

BENEFIT

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) establishes the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program that will provide \$5-6 billion in grants over the next 5 years, beginning with a Spring 2022 application cycle. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

REQUEST

Support the City's future applications to:

- Develop or update a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan.
- Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION (SMART) GRANT PROGRAM

BENEFIT

The Office of the Secretary's Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant program provides supplemental funding grants to rural, midsized, and large communities to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems in a variety of communities to improve transportation efficiency and safety.

In general, a Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation grant may be

used to carry out a project that demonstrates at least one of the following:

- Coordinate Automation
- Connected Vehicles
- Intelligent, sensor-based infrastructure
- Systems integration
- Commerce delivery and logistics
- Leveraging use of innovative aviation technology
- Smart grid
- Smart technology traffic signals

REQUEST

Support the City of Port St. Lucie's applications to advance smart city technology in alignment with the strategic plan.

PARKS & RECREATION: LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT

BENEFIT:

The City of Port St. Lucie is in the process of designing Tradition Regional Park and Torino Regional Park along with other parks opportunities. Additional parks and recreational opportunities will improve the quality of life of Port St. Lucie residents.

REQUEST:

The City of Port St. Lucie will seek a \$1,000,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to support construction of parks and recreation amenities. The City requests support for this grant and other federal funding partnerships.

OTHER REQUESTS:

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Request to support Design of Village Green Drive

REQUEST: Support the City's request for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

Port St. Lucie seeks RAISE planning funding to support the Complete Street design and engineering of the Village Green Corridor (from U.S. Highway 1 to SW Tiffany Avenue). DOT assistance will help Port St. Lucie prepare for infrastructure improvements to improve mobility, enhance pedestrian and biking opportunities, promote economic development, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and advance equity.

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

REQUEST: 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 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant and funding for any City federal or state grant application.

KEY FEDERAL GRANTS THE CITY IS PURSUING IN 2022:

National Park Service – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant (up to \$5 million, 1:1 match - requires state participation)

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

U.S. Department of Transportation – RAISE Grant

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

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

U.S. Department of Transportation Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program

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

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

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 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Support St. Lucie County's 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.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA

Support the National League of Cities Federal Action Agenda in areas of alignment with the City of Port St. Lucie priorities

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.