

2026



CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE
**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE
PROGRAM**

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THE CITY'S TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WATER QUALITY/WATER SUPPLY

RANGELINE REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER TREATMENT FACILITY CLASS I DEEP INJECTION WELL

**REQUEST:
\$2,000,000**

**Providing
\$400,000 match**

BENEFIT:

The City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department (USD) plans to construct the Rangeline Water Treatment Facility (RLWTF) by 2029. The RLWTF will utilize reverse osmosis (RO) as a treatment process. A deep injection well system is proposed to primarily be used for the disposal of RO concentrate and other non-hazardous RO water treatment by-products. The proposed injection well system will also be used to dispose of groundwater on occasions when there is a need to bypass the RLWTF with the groundwater supply. The proposed injection well system will consist of two (2) Class I Industrial injection wells (IW-1 and IW-2) and one (1) dual-zone monitor well (MW-1). The USD is seeking funding to assist with one of these injection wells.

WATER QUALITY/WATER SUPPLY

GLADES WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY CLASS I DEEP INJECTION WELL #2

**REQUEST:
\$2,000,000**

**Providing
\$400,000 match**

The City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department (USD) plans to construct an additional Class I deep injection well (IW-2) at the City's Glades Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) in the near future. The WWTF's current treatment capacity is 12 million gallons per day (MGD) and will ultimately be expanded to a treatment capacity of 24 MGD by 2031. The USD currently operates a single Class I deep injection well system at the Glades WWTF that will not meet the needs of the future expansion. The injection well system is used for disposal of treated wastewater and also serves as a backup disposal option for reverse-osmosis concentrate from the James E. Anderson Water Treatment Plant (JEAOTP). Effluent is treated to high-level disinfection standards prior to disposal via the Glades WWTF deep injection well system.

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**REQUEST:
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**Providing
\$400,000 match**

OAK HAMMOCK STORMWATER RESILIENCE

The Oak Hammock Watershed in Port St. Lucie—bounded by Crosstown Parkway, the Florida Turnpike, the C-24 canal, and I-95—faces persistent flooding due to its low-lying topography, shallow water table, and poorly draining soils. In 2024, extreme weather events, including Hurricane Milton, caused severe flooding, with water levels reaching roadway elevations near Oak Hammock K-8 School. To address these challenges, the City is advancing a stormwater construction project to improve drainage and enhance community resilience. The project includes the construction of three stormwater retention ponds at California Boulevard, Oxford Terrace and Lennox Street; a pump station to move excess water from low-lying areas; pipe interconnects along California Boulevard and Pamona Street to link the ponds to the C-24 canal; installation of 12 baffle boxes; and valve upgrades at four canal outfalls to prevent backflow. These improvements will reduce flood risk for approximately 8,250 homes and 22,500 residents, aligning with the City's 20-year stormwater master plan and regional resilience priorities.

PUBLIC SAFETY

**REQUEST:
\$925,000**

ACQUISITION OF SPECIALIZED ARMORED VEHICLES

The Port St. Lucie Police Department (PSLPD) seeks to enhance officer safety, community protection, and disaster readiness through the acquisition of two specialized armored vehicles and a dedicated tow vehicle. The proposed equipment includes a "Rook-type" Armored Critical Incident Vehicle (ACIV)—a caterpillar-based armored platform equipped with mission-specific tools such as a ballistic shield platform, hydraulic breaching ram, grapple claw, and vehicle extraction tool—and a Light Armored Patrol Vehicle (LAPV) designed for rapid personnel insertion/extraction, high-risk warrant service, and active shooter response. A Ford F-350 Tow Vehicle is also needed to safely and efficiently transport the ACIV to operational sites. As the City's population exceeds 250,000 and continues to grow, the frequency of high-risk incidents such as barricaded suspects, active shooter threats, and disaster response has increased, highlighting the need for these specialized vehicles. This investment will significantly improve officer and civilian safety, enable rapid and versatile response capabilities, enhance preparedness for large-scale emergencies, and foster community trust through proactive and modern policing strategies.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SOUTHERN GROVE & CITY JOBS CORRIDOR

BENEFIT:

The City's Jobs Corridor in Southern Grove is generating new jobs and opportunities in Port St. Lucie, a key priority of the City Council. The City is also seeking to develop job corridors in other locations of the City.

REQUEST:

The City of Port St Lucie is seeking funding assistance for roadway and other infrastructure improvement projects in the City's current and future jobs corridors through available federal sources to advance job creation and economic development.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WALTON & ONE REVITALIZATION

BENEFIT:

The Walton & One project is a 46-acre mixed use redevelopment project located on U.S. 1 in Port St. Lucie. Walton & One is planned as a multi-year redevelopment project to create a vibrant, walkable destination consisting of retail, restaurant, and residential uses. It is anchored by the 100,000 square foot MIDFLORIDA Credit Union Event Center with 20,000 square feet of meeting space, a fitness center, art gallery, outdoor stage, interactive fountain, public parking garage, and open space network that includes pedestrian and bike friendly trails system.

The City has developed a cohesive, realistic, and attainable development plan. The City will then use this plan for moving forward with future development at Walton & One and creating a destination for the east side of Port St. Lucie.

REQUEST:

The City of Port St Lucie will seek federal grant assistance to support implementation of the Master Plan where federal priorities align.

CALIFORNIA BLVD. PHASE 3 CORRIDOR STUDY AND DESIGN

**REQUEST:
\$2,000,000**

**Providing
\$400,000 match**

BENEFIT:

The Phase 3 Corridor Study and Design focuses on improvements along California Boulevard, specifically from SW Savona Boulevard to SW Cameo Boulevard. This project aims to evaluate and design enhancements that will improve traffic flow, safety, and accessibility along this key corridor. As Port St. Lucie continues to develop, this corridor improvement will help accommodate increased traffic. The project will improve access between neighborhoods, schools, parks, and commercial areas, making it easier for residents to move around the community. The corridor terminates at Turtle Run Park, and the study will include design guidance to enhance safety at the park's entrance, ensuring a safer and more welcoming experience for park visitors.

HUD: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TORINO MULTIMODAL PATHS

BENEFIT:

The construction of multimodal paths at two key locations in the Torino area aims to enhance mobility and safety for all users. The first location spans W. Blanton Boulevard from W. Torino Parkway to NW East Torino Parkway, covering approximately one mile. The second location extends along W. Torino Parkway from W. Blanton Boulevard to NW Topaz Way, also about one mile in length. These projects are designed to support a variety of transportation modes, including walking, biking, and potentially micromobility options.

By creating dedicated, well-designed multimodal paths, the project will provide safer and more accessible routes for non-motorized users, reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians or cyclists, and promote active transportation. These improvements also support broader community goals such as reducing traffic congestion, improving public health, and enhancing connectivity between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and commercial areas. Importantly, the W. Torino Pkwy sidewalks will connect at the northside of Torino Regional Park and the W. Blanton Blvd., further expanding recreational access and encouraging outdoor activity for residents of all ages. The paths will contribute to a more inclusive and sustainable transportation network in the growing Torino region.

REQUEST:

- Location 1: W. Blanton Blvd from W. Torino Parkway to NW East Torino Parkway request funding of \$750,000
- Location 2: W. Torino Parkway from W. Blanton Blvd. to NW Topaz Way request funding of \$1,000,000

**REQUEST:
\$1,750,000**

OTHER REQUESTS:

OPPORTUNITY ZONE DESIGNATION

THE ISSUE:

Currently, Port St. Lucie is home to an opportunity zone adjacent to the Walton & One mixed use redevelopment project. To spur economic development, the City is pursuing options to designate the census tract that includes Walton & One as an opportunity zone.

REQUEST:

Support the City's efforts to designate the Walton & One census tract as an opportunity zone.

BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) GRANT PROGRAM

REQUEST:

Following conclusion of the design of the corridor, Port St. Lucie will seek BUILD funding to support construction of the Village Green Complete Street Corridor (from U.S. Highway 1 to SW Tiffany Avenue). DOT assistance will help Port St. Lucie complete infrastructure improvements to improve mobility, enhance pedestrian and biking opportunities and promote economic development.

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. The City is also continuing the septic to sewer conversion program, one of the nation's largest municipal conversion programs.

VETERAN'S MENTAL HEALTH

THE ISSUE:

The U.S. Census estimates 15,464 veterans live in Port St. Lucie. Growing research is pointing to concerns and the need to support the mental health of our nation's veterans. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, approximately "11–20% of veterans experience PTSD in a given year — significantly higher than past-year estimates for the general population at less than 4%. Suicide rates of military service members and veterans are also at an all-time high, with deaths by suicide having increased by 25% during 2020."

REQUEST:

Support the National League of Cities statement that all levels of government have an obligation to support members of the armed services who have made sacrifices to preserve the freedom of the American people. Specifically, support the NLC's request for ensuring comprehensive mental health services are available to veterans and their families. In addition, support funding for programs to help veterans address invisible wounds from service including the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program, Mission Daybreak, and the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide.

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.
- Expand eligibility of FEMA's Community Disaster Resilience Zones program to include Port St. Lucie, in order to receive targeted assistance for Hazard Resilience.
- Support opportunities for direct funding to cities such as direct funding to support cybersecurity, in alignment with the National League of Cities and Florida League of Cities.

KEY FEDERAL GRANTS THE CITY IS PURSUING IN 2026-2027:

- National Park Service – Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant
- 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 or Technology Microgrant for Training Facility
- 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
- Economic Development Administration – Public Works

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 2026 FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA

Support the Florida League of Cities 2026 Federal Action Agenda and the Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) and advocacy efforts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES 2026 FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA

Support the National League of Cities 2026 Federal Action Agenda in areas of alignment with the City of Port St. Lucie's priorities.

ABOUT OUR CITY

The City of Port St. Lucie is proud to be a hometown where people live, learn, work, play and celebrate all of life's opportunities. With more than 240,000 residents, Port St. Lucie is Florida's sixth largest city by population (South Florida's third largest city) and ranked second safest city in America. The City occupies an area of 120 square miles in St. Lucie County on Florida's east coast, about 50 miles north of West Palm Beach, halfway between Miami and Orlando. The City provides most traditional municipal services, including law enforcement, water and sewer and public works.



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