



PEOPLE FOCUSED

The Legislative Affairs/Special Projects/Grants provides leadership, coordination, and assistance in the implementation of the County's intergovernmental efforts. The Division provides policy recommendations for the County's high-priority issues, and explores and pursues federal, state, and private sector grant funding opportunities in furthering the priorities of the community.

Community partnership is important to the day-to-day function of the division. Partnership with organizations such as the Florida Association of Counties, the Leon County State and Federal Legislative Delegations, and United Way of the Big Bend has assisted in leveraging financial, technical, and human capital to draw attention to the community priorities at the federal, state, and local level.



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PERFORMANCE DRIVEN

ADVOCATING FOR LEON COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS

- Prepared, guided, and implemented the County's 2011 state and federal legislative priorities to leverage state and federal funds for local projects and preempt legislation that threatens local decision making.
- Hosted a Legislative Dialogue Meeting of community leaders to form a community coalition in anticipation of legislation that would negatively affect the capital region.



- Recognizing the disproportionate impact that changes in the State's retirement plan would have on the local economy, the division successfully amended state statutes to benefit Leon, Jefferson, Wakulla, and Gadsden Counties by leveraging additional state Qualified Targeted Industry funds to help recruit and expand local businesses.
- Worked with MIS to develop the federally required Redistricting Map based on the latest U.S. Census. Minor adjustments were made to County Commission Districts 3 and 5 while maintaining a minority-majority district and a minority-access district.



Did You Know

From tracking dangerous chemicals to building sidewalks, mapping high pressure gas lines to providing safe affordable housing to our citizens, the County utilized over \$22 million in grant funding during 2011.

- Hosted the 2011 Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day to educate elected officials throughout the state on local cultural amenities and attractions.
- Obtained grant funding to address community safety issues, including areas of severe flooding and the hardening of vital public safety facilities.
- In a cooperative effort with the City of Tallahassee and the United Way of the Big Bend, the County's Grants Division utilized teams of citizen volunteers in the distribution of over \$5 million to social service agencies providing vital services in our community.



Did You Know

Citizen volunteers play a major role in determining the annual allocation of social service funding by Leon County. You can serve as a volunteer and help direct this funding within our community.