



OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS: SPECIAL PROJECTS/INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS/GRANTS

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Goal Statement

To effectively serve the residents of Leon County by providing leadership, coordination and assistance to divisions to facilitate the delivery of services consistent with Board policy. This will ensure that divisions receive the resources, guidance, and support needed to provide superior services in a cost effective and efficient manner.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Economy

- The County and City Commissions and their community partners appointed 18 citizens, representing a broad cross section of our community, to serve on the Leon County Sales Tax Committee. The Committee's charge is to collect public input and make recommendations regarding public policy for the renewal of the infrastructure sales tax within the County. The Committee is committed to engaging the public during this process, providing time at the beginning of each meeting for the community to voice their comments, recommendations, or projects for consideration.
- Developed the 2012 Job Creation Action Plan, with community partners from the economic development and business community.

Governance

- Established an interdepartmental Grants Team that meets regularly to identify grant opportunities to better leverage the County's funding resources and discuss grant proposals.

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ADVOCATING FOR LEON COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS

- Community partnership is important to the division's day-to-day functions. Partnerships with organizations such as the Florida Association of Counties, Leon County's state and federal legislative delegations, and the United Way of the Big Bend have assisted in leveraging financial, technical, and human capital to draw attention to the community priorities at the federal, state, and local level.
- The Intergovernmental Affairs/Special Projects Division prepared, guided, and implemented the County's 2012 state and federal legislative priorities to leverage state and federal funds for local projects and preempt legislation that threatens Leon County or local decision making.
- In order to increase community awareness on legislative issues, the County hosted several Legislative Dialogue meetings with community and regional partners throughout the legislative session to identify issues that are of concern for the Capital Region and discuss what actions needed to be taken to address these areas.
- The County hosted the 2012 Florida Association of Counties' Legislative Day which provides a unique forum for County Commissioners to discuss the top legislative issues with legislative leaders throughout the state.
- Grants Administration continues to explore and pursue federal, state, and private sector grant funding and reimbursement opportunities in furthering priority County programs and projects. At the end of the FY 2012, the County had obtained \$22.2 million in grant funding.



Did You Know

In Fiscal Year 2012, every \$1 Leon County spent as matching funds to obtain grant funding for County services resulted in more than \$12 in grant funding.

- In order to leverage grant opportunities with community partners, an outreach program is being developed through the implementation of the Grants Standard Operating Procedures manual, which outlines the process to coordinate with community partners, including the provision of requested letters of support.



Sales Tax Committee Meeting