



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 extension of the infrastructure sales tax within the County. Leon County provides lead staff support to the Committee.
- Proposed an economic development component for consideration as part of the proposed infrastructure sales tax extension, which helped give rise to Imagine Tallahassee.

Governance

- Instituted an internal Grants Team to identify grant opportunities to better leverage the County's funding resources and to discuss grant proposals.
- Finalizing a grants standard operating procedures manual.

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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, the City of Tallahassee, institutions of higher education, and the United Way of the Big Bend have assisted in leveraging financial, technical, and human capital to draw attention to the community's priorities at the federal, state and local level.
- The Intergovernmental Affairs/Special Projects Division prepared, guided and implemented the County's 2013 state and federal legislative priorities to leverage state and federal funds for local projects and to preempt legislation that threatened 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 to take action on key, shared priorities.
- The County partners with the City of Tallahassee and Blueprint 2000 to host the Leon County Sales Tax Committee meetings, collect input, and make recommendations regarding public policy for infrastructure sales tax issues within Leon County. Leon County takes the lead role in providing staff support of the Leon County Sales Tax Committee.
- 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 2013, the County had \$17.3 million in grant funding.



Did You Know

In Fiscal Year 2013, every \$1 Leon County spent as matching funds to obtain grant funding for County services resulted in more than \$12 in grant funding.



Sales Tax Committee Meeting