

Economic Development and Intergovernmental Affairs

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Managed and coordinated Leon County's state and federal legislative programs, which included securing state and federal funds for local priorities and providing weekly updates to the Board and senior staff on the progress of legislative activity.
- Reduced the County's state contract lobbying expenses by 50% while maintaining the level of service to keep the Board and senior staff apprised of legislative policy issues.
- Oversaw the County's Economic Stimulus Quick Response Team and coordinated regional stimulus meetings with other governmental agencies to maximize federal funding opportunities for local projects.
- Took over the County's economic development responsibilities in working with the Economic Development Council to recruit new businesses to the area and promote expansion opportunities for local businesses.
- Contracted with the Leon County School Board to enhance behind-the-wheel training for teenagers in Leon County. The \$154,492 approved by the County Commission was specifically earmarked for two full-time driver education instructors and a partnership with the County Sheriff's Office Teen Driving Challenge Program to enhance defensive driving skills.

TALLAHASSEE CAPITAL REGION ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECTS

Dear Tallahassee Capital Region Supporter:

The words of President Obama in his Inaugural Address capture well the effort contained in this unified funding request for the Tallahassee Capital Region:

"The time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions - that time has surely passed. Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America."

For several months, the entities listed here have worked together to craft a cohesive plan for the most beneficial use of resources supplied through the unfolding federal stimulus package. We have worked to align the many requests from Tallahassee Capital Region's health, education and governmental entities into a single request that meets every goal and criteria that has emerged for the desired impact of federal stimulus funds.

We believe that these projects, which represent the creation of nearly 16,000 jobs, individually and collectively have the ability to improve the lives of all of the citizens of our area, without regard to geographic boundaries. Enclosed in this brochure are a few highlighted examples of projects you will find in the complementary attachment. This publication and associated attachment can be viewed online at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Stimulus.

Our signatures affixed to this plan affirm our support for the entire plan and our commitment to work in unison for its enactment. The meritorious efforts initiated over the past few years to address our needs and challenges as a region have paid their first dividend in allowing us to stand shoulder-to-shoulder in presenting a responsible, effective and ready-to-enact plan.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signatures]

PROJECT	AMOUNT
1.000	3,889
3.267	895
3.100	3,180
3.180	
15,911	



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The Division of Economic Development and Intergovernmental Affairs provides coordination and assistance to the Board of County Commissioners and ensures that Public Services divisions receive the resources, guidance, and support they need to best serve the community. Specifically, this division is responsible for researching, analyzing, and developing policy recommendations for the County's high-priority issues; developing and implementing the Board's annual federal and state legislative priority package; monitoring all legislative issues impacting Leon County; and assisting in county-wide program research, development, and implementation.



Did You Know

Economic Development and Intergovernmental Affairs secured \$380,000 in federal funds for Mahan Drive project and \$400,000 in federal funds for the Joint Dispatch Center.

