



Charlotte County  
2016 Appropriations Requests by Department

Project Title	Project Type	Department	Dept. Contact	Amount Requested (if applicable)	Project Detail	Previous Appropriations or Legislative Request
<b>Appropriations</b>						
Burnt Store Road – Phase 2	Appropriations	Public Works	Dan Quick	\$18,250,000	Engineering design for a proposed 4.2 mile road segment (16.8 lane miles) to create enhanced regional hurricane evacuation route.	Yes, FY15 – received \$1M appropriation for ROW acquisition, but vetoed by Governor
Harbor Walk Project – Phase 1B	Appropriations	Economic Development	Debrah Forrester	\$1,200,000	Funds will be used to construct a boardwalk under the US 41 bridges to provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access between both sides of US 41 along the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary.	No
Charlotte County Justice Center	Appropriations	Facilities	David Milligan	\$1,000,000	A preliminary implementation plan has been developed that sequences both the interim spatial adjustments and long term expansion. The appropriation would be used to renovate the ground floor of Building B, security control center expansion and design of Justice Center Expansion.	Yes, received \$1M appropriation in FY15, but vetoed by Governor

SWFL Visitors Center	Appropriations	Regional Summit	Ray Sandrock & Lorah Steiner	TBD	Provide legislative appropriation for design and construction of regional visitor center in Southwest Florida. Provide authority for FDOT to enter into long-term lease or to convey property located at the now closed rest station on Jones Loop Rd. to Charlotte County for this purpose.	No
Charlotte Harbor Water Quality Initiative – Phase I (East West Spring Lake Wastewater Expansion Project)	Appropriations	CCU	Andrew Boster & Ruta Vardys	\$3,000,000	This project includes constructing central wastewater service to 2,455 properties, of which 75% are developed, in order to replace inadequate On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDSs), restoring the storm water conveyance system to improve removal of sediment and pollutants, and educating property owners on Best Management Practices (BMPs) when applying pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.	Yes, \$500,000 in FY14 and \$750,000 in FY15.

Stump Pass Beach Renourishment	Appropriations	Public Works	Chuck Mopps & Joanne Vernon	\$1,000,000	Charlotte County and FDEP have been jointly working together and are taking a holistic approach to dredge Stump Pass and renourish critically eroded beaches at Chadwick Park, the County's public beach park, thence southerly along Palm/Knight/Bocilla/Don Pedro Islands Gulf frontage to Don Pedro State Park. This appropriation will allow for completion of the project and the development of a monitoring program. This overall effort - known as the <i>10 Year Management Plan</i> , is currently being reviewed by FDEP for permitting.	Yes, \$96,708 in FY14 and \$2,500,000 in FY15.
<b>Both Appropriations and Legislative</b>						
Small County Outreach Program Eligibility Expansion	Legislative/ Appropriations	Administration	Emily Lewis	n/a	Advocate for a permanent expansion of the eligibility criteria for the Florida Department of Transportation Small County Outreach Program to include counties with populations of 175,000 or less and adequate funding for projects.	No; however, in FY15 the legislature provided a one-year expansion of the population threshold to 165,000.
State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Funding	Legislative/ Appropriations	Human Services	Bob Hebert	n/a	Fully fund the Sadowski Trust fund and allow local government to be responsive to local housing needs by reducing restrictions on use of the SHIP allocations (i.e. required spending levels on homeownership and special needs)	Yes

Legislative						
Collecting Delinquent Utility Debts	Legislative	CCU	Andrew Boster & Ruta Vardys	n/a	Provide statutory authority for utilities to certify utility lien for uncollected debt into annual property tax bill and to allow the delinquent utility charges to assume the same status as other taxes. Current statute only provides lien validity for a period of 5 years.	No
Reclaimed Water Incentives	Legislative	CCU	Andrew Boster, Ruta Vardys and Marilyn Miller	n/a	Provide statutory requirement or incentive for property owners to connect to reclaimed water lines when such lines are available. Prohibit Water Management Districts from issuing permits for use of ponds and wells on sites where reclaimed water lines are available.	No
Repeal of Special Needs Registry Legislation	Legislative	Public Safety	Gerard Mallet	n/a	Repeal provision in statute 252.355(1) that requires FL Division of Emergency Management to develop and maintain a registry of persons with special needs. Management of the special needs registry is a local issue and this statute provision causes unnecessary confusion to the end user.	No
Allow local control of tobacco free zone regulation	Legislative	Community Services	Tommy Scott	n/a	Allow local government to regulate use of tobacco products in parks and other locations where children are present.	No

Provide exception in Ch. 71-303 for Regional Meetings of Governing Bodies	Legislative	County Attorney	Janette Knowlton	n/a	Amend FS 166.0213 to include Counties in a provision that allows for the governing body to hold joint meetings to receive, discuss and act upon matters of mutual interest with the governing body of an adjacent County at such time and place as shall be prescribed by ordinance or resolution.	No
Provide authority for County to take action against State Certified Contractors	Legislative	County Attorney	Pooja Patel	n/a	Provide ability for County to issue citations under FS 489.127(5)(o) for licensed contractors who are performing outside of the scope of their state issued license.	No
Public Records exemption for construction plans as specified in FS 119.071(3)(b)1	Legislative	County Attorney	Janette Knowlton	n/a	Revise statute to add wastewater treatment facilities, water and wastewater collection and distribution systems and include construction plans in the exemption.	No
Executive Session participation	Legislative	County Attorney	Janette Knowlton	n/a	Allow senior staff to participate in executive sessions as subject matter experts to provide board members with technical knowledge necessary to make an informed decision.	No