



## Charlotte County, FL 2016 State Funding Requests

Project Title	Background	Funding Request
<b>Burnt Store Road – Phase 2</b>	The road is a vital transportation link connecting Charlotte County, portions of city of Punta Gorda, city of Cape Coral/Lee County to U.S. 41 and I-75. It is also a critical hurricane evacuation route to enable expeditious traffic flows out of this region during times of such an emergency.	The county is requesting funding assistance from the state in the amount of \$5M for Right of Way acquisition and preliminary construction costs.
<b>Harbor Walk Project – Phase 1B</b>	The Charlotte Harbor Walk project is a multi-phase project that will create a waterfront destination connecting a historic neighborhood with community parks and improving the conditions of the shoreline in Charlotte County. In addition, the Harbor Walk will enhance public access to the water for boating, fishing and passive enjoyment.	Charlotte County is seeking \$1.8M through grants and legislative appropriations to complete this \$4.8 million project. 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.
<b>Charlotte County Justice Center</b>	<p>When Charlotte County Justice Center (Courthouse) opened in 1999, it was planned to provide space for all judicial system functions through 2010. Encompassing a total of 197,131 gross square feet, the Courthouse is now full, exceeding its operational growth projections.</p> <p>Population, trends, caseload and staffing projections all lead to a need for 40% space increase of 78,722 gross square feet to accommodate judicial needs out to year 2032.</p>	Charlotte County is seeking \$1M in funds through grants and legislative appropriations to offset some of the construction costs. 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.

<p><b>SWFL Visitors Center</b></p>	<p>Charlotte County seeks to transform the Florida Department of Transportation's rest stop, located off I-75 at exit 161, which closed on April 6, 2015, into an official Southwest Florida Visitor Center that would provide traditional and multi-lingual tourism information about attractions, activities, accommodations and dining in the region. This visitor center would pilot an approach to marketing both agritourism and ecotourism in Southwest Florida and could include: a <i>Pure Florida</i> shopping area featuring Florida artisans, crafts and agricultural products; a bird sanctuary featuring species of birds indigenous to Southwest Florida; A Southwest Florida Ecology Center; and a Southwest Florida Kayaking Center.</p>	<p>Charlotte County is seeking \$2.5M for design and construction of regional visitor center in Southwest Florida as well as approval 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.</p>
<p><b>Charlotte Harbor Water Quality Initiative – Phase I (East West Spring Lake Wastewater Expansion Project)</b></p>	<p>This project includes constructing central wastewater service to 2,455 properties, of which 75% are developed, in order to replace inadequate OSTDSs (On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems), 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.</p> <p>Based upon census tract information, over fifty percent (50%) of the families within this sewer expansion area have low to moderate incomes.</p>	<p>Charlotte County is seeking \$3M in funds through grants and legislative appropriations to offset some of the construction costs in order to maintain property owner's assessments at the affordable level determined for this project.</p>

<p><b>Stump Pass Beach Renourishment</b></p>	<p>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, and the southerly area along Palm/Knight/Bocilla/Don Pedro Islands Gulf frontage to Don Pedro State Park. Included within this project is a proposed beach stabilization structure to be place on Manasota Key north of Stump Pass.</p>	<p>Total estimated project completion and monitoring costs (physical &amp; environmental) for construction of the stabilization structure and dredging/beach renourishment are approximately \$7.5M. The project has been submitted to DEP for ranking with a request for a state share of \$1M. 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.</p>
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