



Charlotte County  
2017 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	Grant	Public Works	Dan Quick	\$3,000,000	Seeking grant funds for construction of a 4.2 mile road segment (16.8 lane miles) to create enhanced regional hurricane evacuation route. Seeking funding through the Small County Outreach Program. Also seeking ROW through negotiations with DEP – Parks.	Yes, FY15 – received \$1M appropriation for ROW acquisition, but vetoed by Governor. FY16 funded in SCOP
Harbor Walk Project – Phase 1B	Appropriations	Economic Development	Debrah Forrester	\$1,200,000	Funds will be used to acquire land and 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
SWFL Visitors Center	Appropriations	Tourism	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 II (Ackerman/Countryman Wastewater Expansion Project)	Appropriations	Utilities	Ruta Vardys & Diana Bello	\$7,500,000	This project includes constructing central wastewater service to 3,343 properties 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, Phase I received the following: FY 14 = \$500,000 FY15 = \$750,000 FY16 = \$500,000
Monitoring Water Quality in the Impaired Waters of Charlotte Harbor	Appropriations	Utilities	Ruta Vardys & Diana Bello	\$125,000	Seeking partnership with the state for the study of water quality in the impaired waters of Charlotte Harbor. The proposed monitoring will address the health and safety of citizens and will assist in the implementation of programs to reduce the levels of non-point source pollutants introduced into the impaired waters of Charlotte Harbor.	No
Ingraham Water Transmission Main	Appropriations	Utilities	Ruta Vardys & Diana Bello	\$435,000	NEED DESCRIPTION	No
Loveland Grand Lift Master Station	Appropriations	Utilities	Ruta Vardys & Diana Bello	\$3,500,000	Seeking funds to construct a major wastewater gravity interceptor to transfer wastewater to the East Port Water Reclamation Facility. A grand master lift station will also be constructed as the final pumping facility to the treatment plant.	No

Hillsborough / Chancellor Water Main	Appropriations	Utilities	Ruta Vardys & Diana Bello	\$254,000	Seeking funding to construct water main to expand Charlotte County's system capacity in the collection and distributions system in order for customers within the Charlotte County Utilities service area to connect.	No
Myakka River Bridge Crossing	Appropriations	Utilities	Ruta Vardys & Diana Bello	\$600,000	Charlotte County Utilities, as a part of the water system master plan, has identified the need to upgrade the water transmission system from a 12" to a 24" water main and to build a temporary booster station to meet existing system demand needs and projected increases in demand for future growth.	No
Collingswood Main Extension	Appropriations	Utilities	Ruta Vardys & Diana Bello	\$120,000	The Collingswood water main extension is an extension and improvement to the existing system, which lacks capacity for existing and future growth. This transmission main will ensure hydraulic capacity, mechanical integrity, adequate fire flows and looping for the existing potable water system.	No
McGuire Park	Grant	Community Services	Mike Koenig	\$50,000	Seeking Florida Recreation Development Assistance Grant for the enhancement of construction at McGuire park. Funding through the FRDAP program will help transform this park, which is located within the Parkside Community Redevelopment Area.	No
South County Library	Grant	Community Services	Lanette Hart	\$500,000	Seeking funding through the State Library Construction Grant program to construct and furnish a library that will meet the current and future needs of the community in Punta Gorda/South Charlotte County.	No

Manasota Key 10 year Beach Management Plan	Appropriations	Public Works	Joanne Vernon	\$26,822,000	Seeking state cost share for the design of the Manasota Key 10 year beach management plan which has become critically eroded from the Sarasota County line to the Stump Pass Beach State Park. Tropical Storm Colin in June of 2016 had severe impacts to the shoreline resulting in the condemnation of two structures.	No
Stormwater Control Structures (Kenilworth & Peachland)	Appropriations	Public Works	Joanne Vernon	TBD (\$500-\$700k)	In accordance with the Charlotte County Stormwater Master Plan, we are seeking funding for the construction of two water control structures that that will ensure water quality and convey the 100 year, 24 hour storm event to maintain design water surface elevations that will stay within the canal banks.	No
Community Action Team (CAT)	Appropriations	Charlotte Behavioral Healthcare	Victoria Scanlon	\$675,000	Seeking funding to create and maintain a Community Action Team in Charlotte County. Currently there are 23 state funded CAT teams in Florida. CAT team show a decrease in child welfare, juvenile justice and psychiatric residential placement. Annual savings are projected between \$1M-\$8.5M annually to the state and Charlotte County based upon individual family needs being met through this intervention.	No
Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Training	Appropriations	Public Safety	Marianne Taylor	\$1,500,000	Seeking state funds to purchase and/or build an Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting training prop, compliant with FAA regulations for the purpose of maintaining FAA training requirements as outline in FAR 139.	No

<b>Both Appropriations and Legislative</b>						
State Aid to Libraries	Legislative/ Appropriations	Community Services	Lanette Hart	n/a	Restore and ensure adequate funding for the State Aid to Libraries Grants. Grants provide the necessary funding to expand the purchase books and electronic resources for the community.	Yes
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
<b>Legislative</b>						
Renewable Energy	Legislative	Economic Development	Lucienne Pears	n/a	Craft language within the FY17 Renewable Energy Implementation bill to ensure that Renewable Energy projects that have already broken ground are exempt from tax abatement under the solar energy amendment.	No
Reclaimed Water Incentives	Legislative	Utilities	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.	Yes
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.	Yes

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.	Yes
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.	Yes
<b>Support Items</b>						
River Road	Appropriations		Sarasota County		Support funding for improvements to River Road, a regional interstate connector.	n/a

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