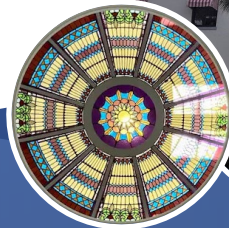




2025 State Legislative Program

January 31, 2025



2024 Legislative Recap



Pinellas County Appropriations:

- East Lake Road at Keystone Road Intersection Improvements- \$1M
 - Representative Anderson and Senator Hooper
- Pinellas County Ridgcrest Neighborhood Water Quality Improvement Project- \$650K
 - Representative Jacques and Senator DiCeglie
- Pinellas County Emergency Generators Replacement- \$1M
 - Representative Berfield and Senator Hooper

2024 Pinellas County Grants



FDOT- St. Petersburg-Clearwater Airport- PIE

- **Parking Garage Improvements, Airco Development and Airport Terminal expansion Project- \$11M**

DEP- Resilient Florida Grants

- **Joes Creek Restoration and Greenway Trail – \$28 million (Ranked #1)**
- **Cross Bayou Canal Improvements Phase 1 and 2 – \$13 million (Ranked #3)**
- **Crystal Beach Drainage and Roadway Improvements – \$5 million (Ranked #5)**
- **98th Way-100th Way Drainage Improvements – \$4 million (Ranked #12)**

FDEP- Land and Water Conservation Fund

- **Lealman- Ray Neri Park- \$1.5M**

2025 Grant Applications



DEP- Resilient Florida Grants:

- **Gulf Beach Water Booster Station Improvements. \$8M**
 - The RFGP provides funding for planning and implementation projects to address flooding and sea level rise impacts. The project will replace the existing potable water booster station located at 4501 Gulf Boulevard in St. Pete Beach, FL.
- **Pinellas County Manufactured Home Communities (MHC) Wastewater Collection Systems Improvements. \$23M**
 - The County is requesting additional funding in the amount of to construct critical wastewater infrastructure for MHC in the unincorporated area of Pinellas County and the City of Largo.

E-911 Fee Increase

SUPPORT raising the 911 fee to accommodate increased expenses and expansion of technology to continue providing high quality of service to citizens of Pinellas County.
(Florida Association of Counties Policy Proposal)

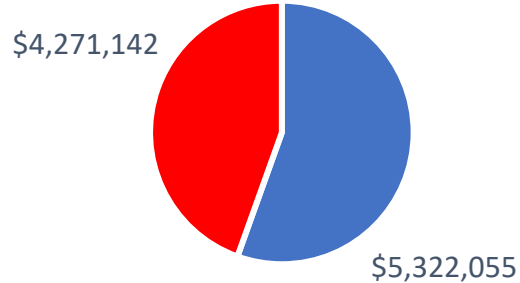
- FAC Proposal Supported by Pinellas and Pasco
- State law allows for a \$0.50 fee per phone line per month. The fee was lowered to \$0.40 in 2015 which is no longer able to support the level of expense in maintaining 911 systems throughout the state.
- Florida 911 Coordinators' Association to bring these concerns to the Florida Emergency Communications Board. Discussion has occurred over the last 8 years to increase the fee back to \$0.50 per line, which is the maximum allowed under state law. In 2016, the Board voted to increase the fee to \$0.45 cents, but the DMS rule to implement the change was not ratified by the legislature as required by State Statutes. (s. 120.541(3), F.S)

E-911 Fee Pinellas County

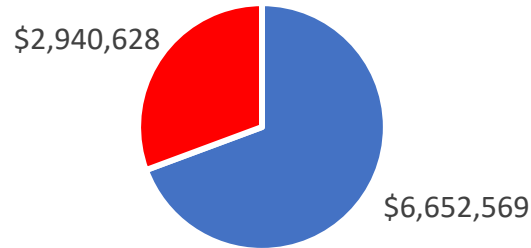


Projections are based on 911 Fee Fund eligible expenses of \$9,593,197 and received 911 Fee disbursements \$5,322,055 in FY23.

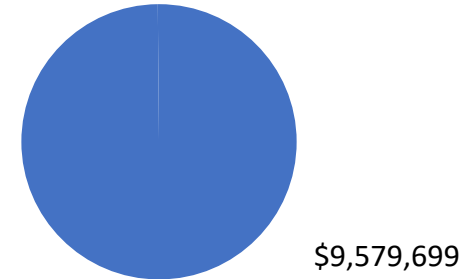
\$0.40/Line



\$0.50/Line



\$0.72/Line



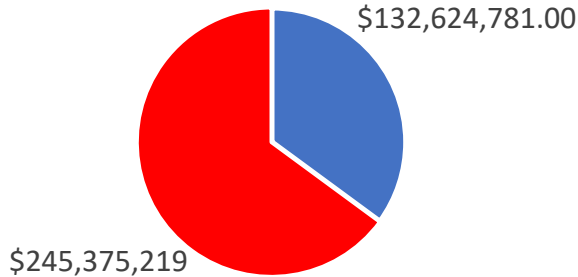
■ 911 Fee Disbursement

■ General Fund Transfer

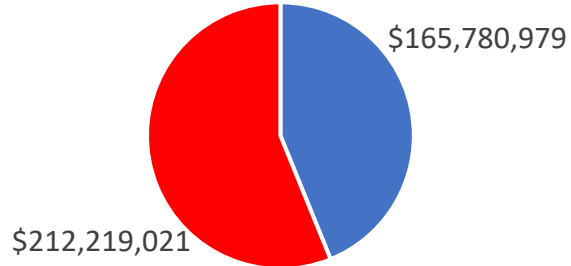
E-911 Fee Statewide

Projections are based on statewide 911 Fee Fund eligible expenses of \$378,000,000 and total grants and 911 Fee disbursements to all Counties totaling \$132,624,781 per the 2023 Year End Report published by the Florida Emergency Communications Board.

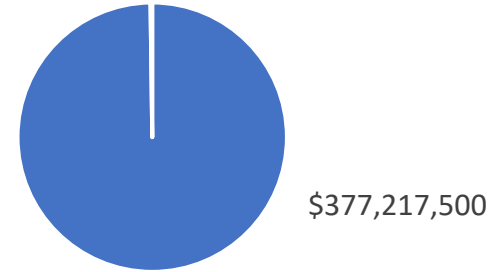
\$0.40/Line



\$0.50/Line



\$1.21/Line



■ 911 Fee Disbursement ■ County General Fund

Local Option Fuel Tax (LOFT)



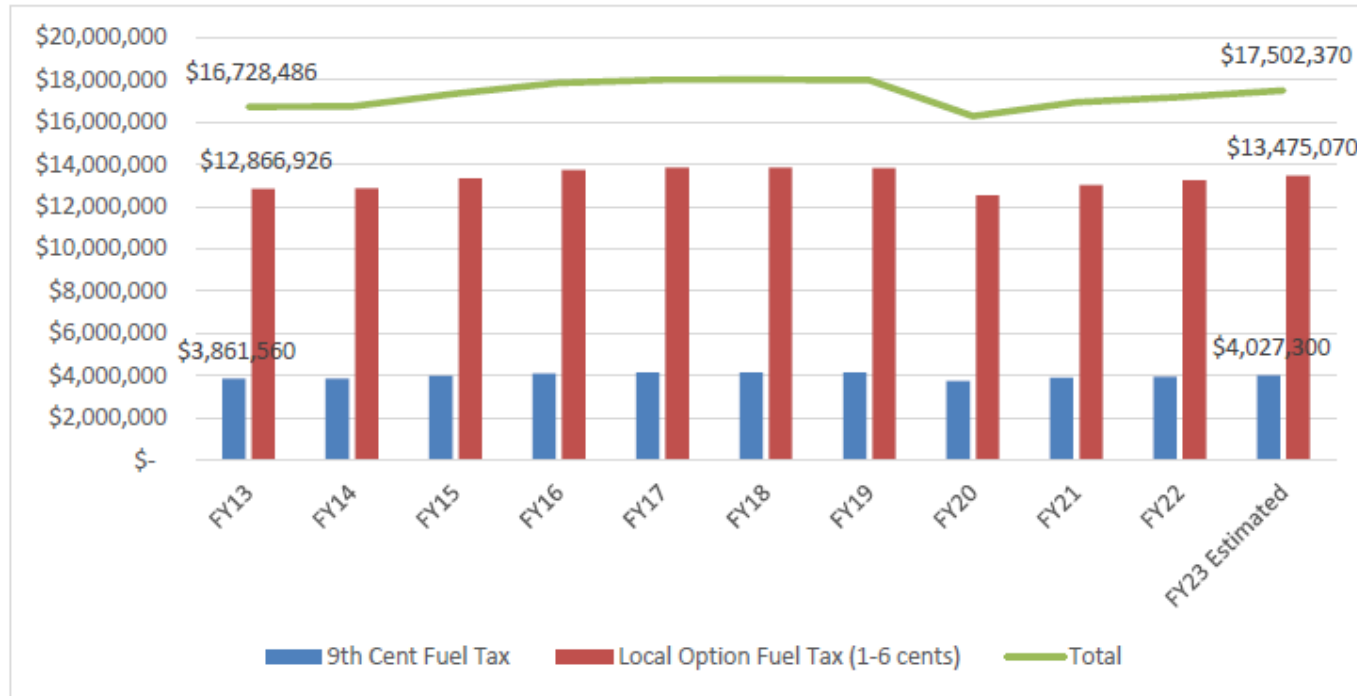
Local Option Fuel Tax (LOFT)

SUPPORT efforts to financially stabilize future LOFT revenue allocations through rate indexing, mirroring state levied fuel tax indexing per Florida Statutes 206 and 212.

Local Government Solutions recently completed a report for Pinellas County that analyzed opportunities for state-wide LOFT reform. The report identified three primary opportunities to assist in the stabilization of future LOFT revenue allocations. These options include:

1. Creating a registration fee for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. (FY26-FY35): \$12.7M
2. Creating a commercial charging tax – indexed to inflation. (FY26-FY35): \$36.4M to \$46.6M
3. Indexing LOFT by inflation (FY26-FY35): \$34.7M to \$102.4M

LOFT Revenue



Source: Calculated from state distribution amounts (FY13 - FY18), Pinellas County budget book (FY19 - FY23).

Note: Fiscal Year is October-September

Local Option Fuel Tax (LOFT)



- Overall, Pinellas County received \$773,884 more in LOFT revenue between FY13 and FY23 (a 4.6% increase).
- Revenues for the state's two indexed revenue sources rose from \$1,897,373,444 in FY13 to \$2,356,400,209 in FY23 (24.2% increase).
- FDOT reported in their most recent tax primer that between FY97 and FY23 indexing has been responsible for the collection of an additional \$985,000,000 (41.8% of the FY23 collection).

Disaster Recovery Bill



Disaster Recovery Bill

SUPPORT a state-wide Disaster Recovery Bill to assist with recovery efforts including Hurricane Housing Replacement Program (HHRP), Revolving Loan Fund, Lost Revenue, FEMA cost share and Emergency Shelter hardening and enhancements.

- Elevate Florida Program- Utilizing FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding. Potential Partnership Opportunities.
- Community Development Block Grant- Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Funding.

Beach Nourishment Funding

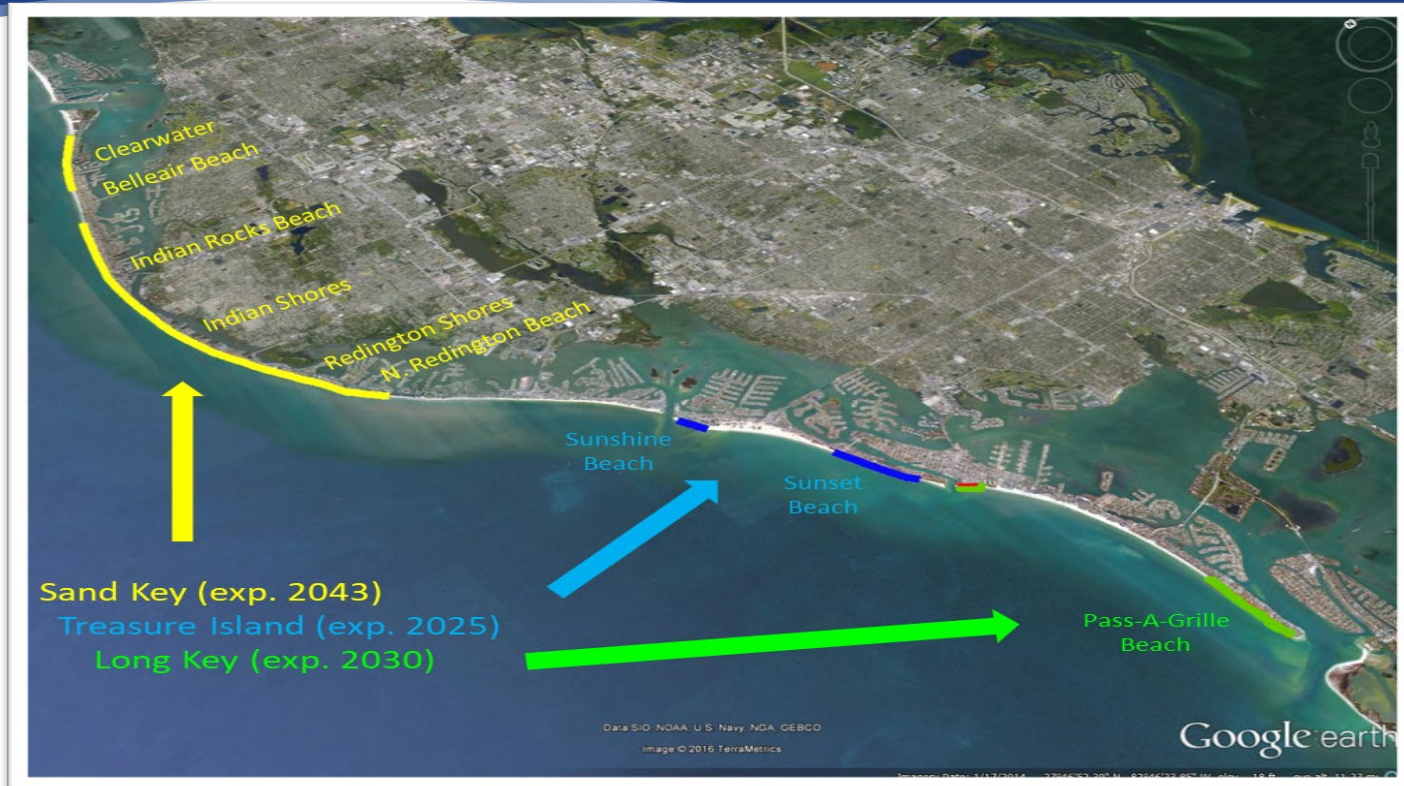


Beach Nourishment Funding

SUPPORT full funding of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Beach Management Funding Assistance Program for traditional beach and inlet projects and supplemental program funding to address damages from Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and Milton.

- The FY2025 State Budget Allocates \$96M for beach nourishment through this program, total funding requests from local governments for FY25 was \$122M.

Beach Nourishment Funding



Harrison Ave Belleair Beach

R-61



September 2024

September 1985



Central Ave Indian Rocks Beach

R-84



September 1985



September 2024



169th Ave N Redington Beach

R-107



September 2024

September 1985



2025 Appropriation Requests



- Request funding for East Lake Road Corridor Improvements Phase 1
 - Representative Anderson and Senator Hooper
- Request funding for Seminole Junior Warhawks- Unincorporated Seminole Sports Association Field Improvements
 - Representative Jacques and Senator DiCeglie
- Request funding for Hurricane Shelter Hardening- Generators for High-Risk Shelters
 - Representative Anderson and Senator Rouson
- Request Traffic Control Flood Mitigation Project - Gulf Boulevard Signal Cabinets
 - Representative Chaney and Senator DiCeglie

East Lake Road- Project Phasing

Phase 1 \$106.4 M

From south of Curlew to the intersection with Sandy Point Road/Tarpon Woods Blvd. To include the bridges over Brooker Creek, the bridges over Tampa Road, the off-ramp bridges onto Tampa Road in the North and South Bound directions.

Phase 2 \$64.8 M

From the intersection with Sandy Point Road/ Tarpon Woods Blvd. to the intersection with Forelock Road

Phase 3 \$52.8 M

From the intersection Forelock Road to north of Trinity Boulevard/County line

PD&E Study \$3 M

Total Project \$227 M



East Lake Road Project Funding



Projects Programmed for Design and Construction				
	Design	Construction	Total Estimated Cost	Anticipated Year of Construction
East Lake Rd Project Development & Env Study	\$ 3,000,000.00	N/A	\$ 3,000,000.00	N/A
East Lake Rd Bridges over Brooker Creek	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 9,800,000.00	FY27
McMullen Booth Northbound Off-ramp Bridge	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 16,800,000.00	FY28
McMullen Booth Bridges over Tampa Rd/Canal	\$ 2,700,000.00	\$ 17,500,000.00	\$ 20,200,000.00	FY29
Keystone Rd at East Lake Rd Emergency Access Imp *	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 6,500,000.00	\$ 7,500,000.00	FY27
Total Estimated Cost of Active Projects			\$ 57,300,000.00	

Unincorporated Seminole Sports Association- 125th St.



Unincorporated Seminole Sports Association



Unincorporated Seminole Sports Association- 90th Ave.



Unincorporated Seminole Sports Association- 98th St. N.



Gulf Boulevard Signal Cabinets



