

PALM BEACH COUNTY 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW



**Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Legislative Affairs
May 7, 2024
BCC Agenda Item 5A-1**

Session At A Glance

1,957 Bills and PCBs filed
2,196 Amendments filed
3,051 Votes Taken
325 Bills Passed
43 Floor Sessions
330+ Bills Tracked by PBC



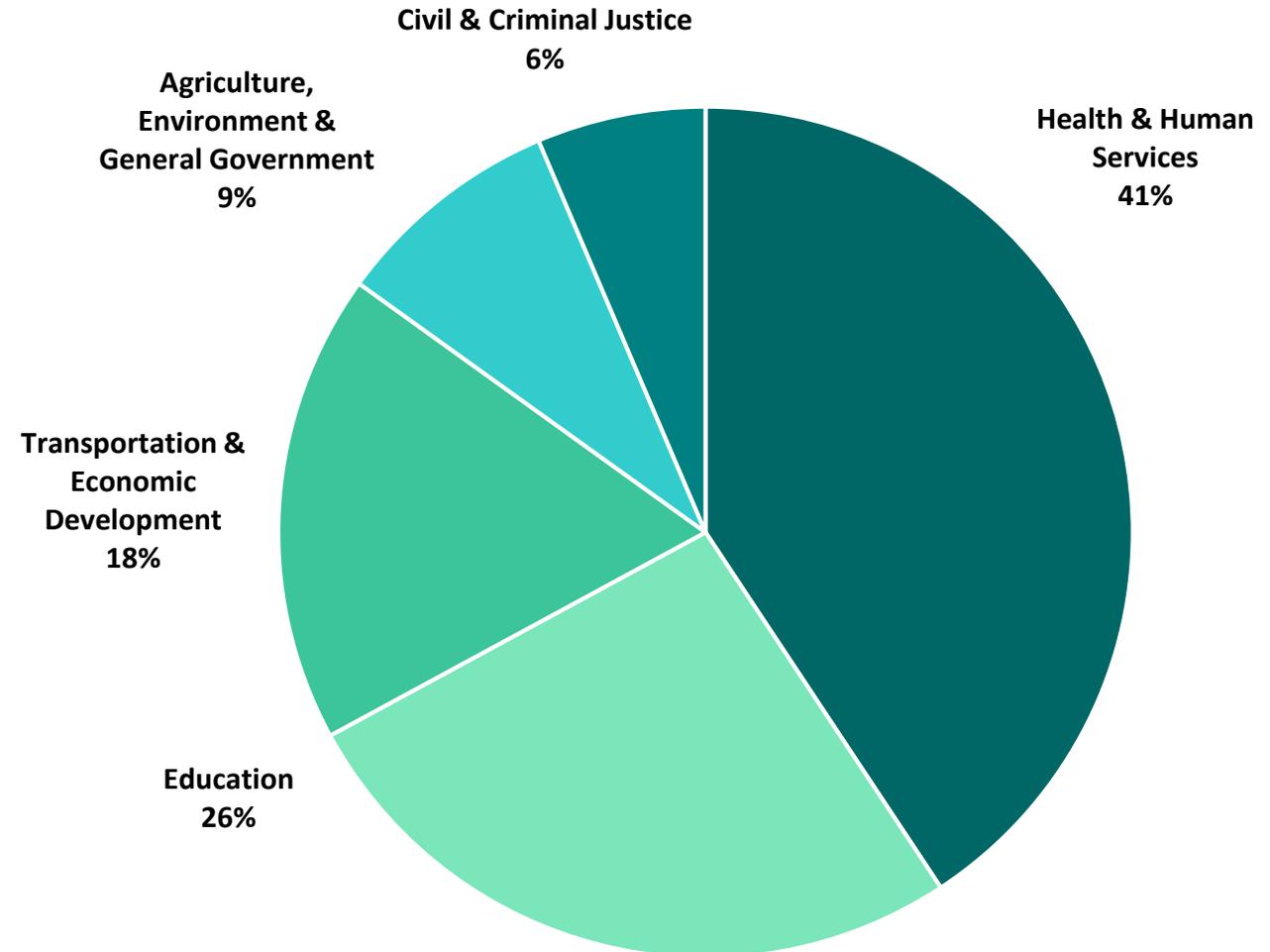
Florida's FY 24 - 25 Budget (HB 5001)

TOTAL: \$117.46 BILLION

- General Revenue: \$49.4 billion
- Trust Funds: \$68.1 billion

TOTAL RESERVES: \$10 BILLION

- Unallocated GR: \$5.1 billion
- Budget Stabilization Fund: \$300 million added
- Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Response Fund: \$500 million
- Retirement of State Debt: \$500 million



Florida's FY 24 - 25 Budget

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES TOTAL: \$46.5 BILLION

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION: \$34.7 BILLION

- Medicaid Provider Rate Increases - \$333.1 million

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES: \$4.7 BILLION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: \$4.1 BILLION

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: \$2.4 BILLION

DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS: \$482.4 MILLION

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS: \$220 MILLION



Florida's FY 24 - 25 Budget

EDUCATION TOTAL: \$30.1 BILLION



PUBLIC SCHOOLS/K-12 FEFP: \$28.4 BILLION

- Total FEFP Funds Increase - \$1.8 billion (6.73% increase)
- Total Funds Per Student Increase - \$240.01/student (2.75%)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS/K-12 NON-FEFP: \$627.4 MILLION

FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM: \$2.4 BILLION

- PBSC Library & Media Technology Center Remodel - \$9.76 million

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM: \$6.8 BILLION

- FAU Max Planck Florida Scientific Fellows Program - \$2.88 million

Florida's FY 24 - 25 Budget

TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOTAL: \$20.4 BILLION

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: \$1.4 BILLION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE: \$2.3 BILLION

- Florida Job Growth Grant Fund - \$75 million
- VISIT Florida - \$80 million
- SHIP - \$174 million
- SAIL - \$234 million

DEPARTMENT OF STATE: \$231.8 MILLION

- Cultural & Museum Program Support Grants - \$60.8 million
- Historical Preservation Grants & Initiatives - \$50.6 million
- African American Cultural & Historic Grants - \$4.7 million

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: \$15.7 BILLION

- Transportation Work Program - \$13.98 billion
- Transportation Disadvantaged - \$ 3 million
- SCOP Transportation Projects - \$9 million

CR 880 RECONSTRUCTION - \$2 MILLION

PEANUT ISLAND HISTORIC RESTORATION - \$1 MILLION

CENTRAL PBC HISTORIC INFRASTRUCTURE - \$1 MILLION

DOWNTOWN WPB SIGNAL UPGRADES - \$2.7 MILLION

Florida's FY 24 - 25 Budget

AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL: \$9.9 BILLION

DEPT. OF AG & CONSUMER SERVICES: \$3.1 BILLION

- Lake Okeechobee Agriculture Projects - \$10.2 million

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: \$3.4 BILLION

- Everglades Restoration & SFWMD - \$702 million
- Water Projects - \$410.4 million
- Alternative Water Supply - \$55 million
- FRDAP Grants - \$14.3 million

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES: \$684.7 MILLION

- My Safe Florida Condo Pilot - \$30 million

FISH & WILDLIFE CONS. COMMISSION: \$585.3 MILLION

C-51 RESERVOIR - \$100 MILLION

GREEN CAY PHASE II - \$500,000

L.W. LAGOON SEAGRASS RESTORATION - \$270,500

LOXAHATCHEE SLOUGH HABITAT RESTORATION - \$90,000

PBC FIRE RESCUE WATER VESSELS - \$385,000

Florida's FY 24 - 25 Budget

CIVIL & CRIMINAL JUSTICE TOTAL: \$7.3 BILLION

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS: \$3.6 BILLION

- Correctional Facilities Capital Improvements - \$100 million

DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT: \$494.9 MILLION

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE: \$743.3 MILLION

- Juvenile Assessment Center Replacement (Hillsborough) - \$32.4 million

STATE COURT SYSTEM: \$741.3 MILLION

PBC RESTORE REENTRY PROGRAM - \$500,000

WESTGATE CRA STREET LIGHTING & SAFETY INITIATIVE - \$250,000



Palm Beach County Funded Projects

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| West Palm Beach Downtown Signalization Upgrades | \$2.75 million |
| CR 880 Reconstruction | \$2 million |
| CPBC Historic Infrastructure Improvements | \$1 million |
| Peanut Island Historic Restoration | \$1 million |
| Green Cay Phase II | \$500,000 |
| RESTORE Re-Entry Program | \$500,000 |
| PBC Fire Rescue Water Vessels for Hazard Mitigation | \$385,000 |
| Lake Worth Lagoon Seagrass Restoration Phase II | \$270,500 |
| Westgate CRA Street Lighting & Safety Initiative | \$250,000 |
| Loxahatchee Slough Habitat Restoration Phase II | \$90,000 |

Other Palm Beach County Appropriations

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| 211 Palm Beach & Treasure Coast Building | \$1,000,000 |
| Aging In Place with Grace by Rales JFS | \$494,100 |
| Alpert JFS, Rales JFS, & inSIGHT Through Education Traveling Holocaust Classroom | \$165,000 |
| Alpert Jewish Family Service – Community Access Life Line Service | \$600,000 |
| Alpert Jewish Family Service – Mental Health Services for Persons with Disabilities | \$375,000 |
| Alpert Jewish Family Service – Mental Health First Aid | \$1,000,000 |
| Alzheimer’s Community Care Critical Support Initiative & Facility Repairs | \$1,750,000 |
| Autism Therapeutic Wellness Program | \$200,000 |
| Boca Raton Drinking Water Transmission and Distribution Improvements | \$750,000 |
| Boca Raton Jeffrey Street Seawall Replacement | \$300,000 |
| Boynton Beach 911 Communications Center Generator Replacement | \$600,000 |
| Boynton Beach Sky Lake Neighborhood Road Resurfacing | \$1,018,400 |
| Boynton Beach Lake Shore Bridge Canal Project | \$591,066 |
| Busch Wildlife Sanctuary: Environmental Education Program | \$500,000 |
| Catapult! Afterschool Youth Mentoring Center for Low Income High School Students | \$500,000 |
| Center for Arts & Innovation Design Phase II | \$1,000,000 |
| Center for Creative Education: Ending the Cycle of Elementary Illiteracy | \$1,000,000 |
| ChildNet Parent Engagement Program | \$582,000 |
| City of Belle Glade Structure Demolition | \$200,000 |

Other Palm Beach County Appropriations

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| City of Belle Glade Sidewalk Replacement | \$250,000 |
| City of Greenacres – Chickasaw Road Expansion Project | \$250,000 |
| City of Palm Beach Gardens RCA Blvd Roadway Improvements | \$400,000 |
| City of West Palm Beach Traffic Signal Hardening | \$475,000 |
| Cox Science Center and Aquarium Expansion | \$5,000,000 |
| Delray Beach Emergency Response Mobile Traffic Barrier & First Responder Protection | \$306,000 |
| Delray Beach N Swinton Roadway and Underground Utility Improvements Phase II | \$750,000 |
| EJS Project Teen Center | \$250,000 |
| Els for Autism Foundation – Specialized Autism Recreation Complex & Hurricane Shelter | \$1,000,000 |
| FAU Max Planck Florida Scientific Fellows Program | \$2,000,000 |
| HabCenter Boca Raton Mental Health and STEAM Program for Individuals with Unique Abilities | \$250,000 |
| Highland Beach Clean Water Project Lift Station Rehabilitation | \$250,000 |
| Highland Beach State Road A1A Gravity Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation | \$875,000 |
| Hurricane Hardening at the Arc of Palm Beach County’s South Campus | \$1,000,000 |
| IDDeal Place Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled Permanent Housing | \$1,000,000 |
| Indian Trail Improvement District M-0 Canal Outfall | \$500,000 |
| JARC Florida – Generators for Generations | \$475,000 |
| JARC Community Works Program | \$425,000 |
| Jewish Family Services Affordable Psychiatry Access | \$1,075,000 |

Other Palm Beach County Appropriations

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| Jupiter Community Webcams | \$411,245 |
| Let's Move 365 | \$500,000 |
| Loggerhead Marine Life Center Improving Water Quality & Coastline Cleanliness | \$250,000 |
| Loggerhead Marine Life Center Lifesaving Water Treatment System for Sick/Injured Sea Turtles | \$250,000 |
| Loxahatchee Groves Stormwater System Rehabilitation Phase II | \$750,000 |
| Mangonia Park Water Plant Modernization & Expansion | \$750,000 |
| North Palm Beach Public Safety Resiliency | \$255,000 |
| Oak Street Home II – Female Teen Delinquency Prevention Program | \$350,000 |
| Ocean Ridge Water Valve Project | \$250,000 |
| Palm Beach Atlantic University LeMieux Center for Public Policy | \$3,000,000 |
| Palm Beach County Food Bank – Rural Community Mobile Food Pantry | \$125,000 |
| Palm Beach Shores Lake Worth Inlet/Singer Island Channel Dredging Project | \$1,000,000 |
| Palm Beach State College Student Library & Media Technology Center | \$9,762,824 |
| Palm Beach Zoo Safety & Security Upgrades | \$100,000 |
| Palm Springs Village Congress Avenue Sewer Force Main | \$1,000,000 |
| Pine Tree Lane Bridge Replacement Phase II | \$250,000 |
| Place of Hope Child Welfare Services | \$1,000,000 |
| Promise Fund of Florida | \$225,000 |
| Resilient Housing for Veterans and Essential Employees | \$700,000 |

Other Palm Beach County Appropriations

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|---|-------------|
| Riviera Beach Shore, Palm, Riviera Drive Pavement Restoration | \$350,000 |
| Roosevelt School Program Enhancements | \$847,920 |
| Roots & Wings: Project Uplift | \$200,000 |
| Royal Palm Beach Park Road North Pedestrian and Parking Upgrades | \$500,000 |
| South Florida AgriCenter & Emergency Shelter at the South Florida Fairgrounds | \$1,000,000 |
| South Bay Stormwater Flood Control and Waterway Management Phase III | \$180,000 |
| Spanish River Boulevard El Rio Trail Underpass | \$500,000 |
| SW 8 th Avenue Roadway Restoration – Delray Beach | \$500,000 |
| SW 12 th Avenue Improvements – South Bay | \$1,000,000 |
| The Lord’s Place Mental Health Care for People Experiencing Homelessness | \$300,000 |
| T-3 Teach, Touch the Trades | \$358,750 |
| Veterans Suicide Prevention – Fort Freedom | \$560,000 |
| Wandering Rescue and Prevention Project | \$250,000 |
| Wellington Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office Substation | \$500,000 |
| Western Indiantown Road Improvement | \$2,425,000 |
| West Palm Beach Fire Department – Contamination Reduction Project | \$116,000 |
| West Tech – Growing the Workforce in the Glades | \$989,342 |
| YMCA of the Palm Beaches Community Center | \$500,000 |
| Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches Zoo Wetlands & Ecosystem Habitat Restoration | \$750,000 |

Finance & Tax

HB 7073 – Tax Package

Sales Tax Holidays

- “Back To School” (July 29 - August 11)
- “Disaster Preparedness” (June 1 - June 14) & (August 24 - September 6)
- “Freedom Month” (July 1 - July 31)
- “Tool Time” (September 1 - September 7)

Property Tax

- Exemption for developments that dedicate 70+ units for affordable housing
- “Opt out” option of Live Local property tax exemption if there is a surplus of “middle-income” units (80-120%)
- Extends timeframe to start repair of damaged homesteaded property to 5 yrs

Corporate Income Tax

- Temporary tax credit for corporations that employ individuals with disabilities

Property Insurance

- One year relief from insurance premium tax and State Fire Marshal assessment for residential property insurance policies written between April 2024 – September 2025
- One year relief from insurance premium tax on flood insurance policies



Preemptions & Mandates

PASSED

- SB 1628 – Local Government Actions
- HB 433 – Employment Regulations
- HB 705 – Public Works Projects
- SB 674 – U.S.-produced Iron & Steel in Public Works Projects
- SB 280 – Vacation Rentals
- HB 165 – Sampling of Beach Waters & Public Bathing Spaces
- SB 1082 – Housing for Legally Verified Agricultural Workers

FAILED

- HB 57/SB 438 – Term Limits for County Commissioners
- HB 901/SB 1120 – Display of Flags by Governmental Entities



Local Government

PASSED

- HB 103 – Public Records/County & City Attorneys
- HB 303 – Rabies Vaccinations
- HB 849 – Veterinary Practices
- HB 273 – Public Records/Animal Foster & Adoptions
- SB 770 – Improvements to Real Property (PACE)
- HB 149 – Continuing Contracts
- HB 377 – License or Permit to Operate a Vehicle for Hire
- HB 267 – Building Regulations
- SB 812 – Expedited Approval of Residential Building Permits
- SB 7013 – Special Districts
- SB 7014 – Ethics

FAILED

- HB 569/SB 472 – Suits Against the Government



Health & Human Services

HB 1365 – Unauthorized Public Camping and Public Sleeping

- Prohibits public camping/sleeping on public property – begins 10/1/2024
- Counties may designate a site owned by the county or a city for this purpose by majority vote (if within a city, the city must also approve of the location)
- Must get site certified by DCF, provide documentation
- County must maintain minimum standards at location
- Civil cause of action – begins 1/1/2025

HB 1065 – Substance Abuse Treatment

- Recommendations by PBC State Attorney Addiction Recovery Task Force
- Establishes levels of care at certified recovery residences
- Forbids residences from denying access on the basis that an individual is prescribed FDA-approved medication to assist with treatment
- Prohibits local governments from regulating length or frequency of stays



Transportation & Economic Development

SB 328 – Affordable Housing (Live Local Glitch)

- Exempts airport-impacted areas
- Preempts “floor area ratio” for qualifying developments
- Clarifies that density entitlements do not include any bonus, variance or other special exceptions
- \$100 million for Florida Hometown Hero Program

HB 479 – Alternative Mobility Funding Systems

- Requires counties and cities that charge for transportation impacts to enter into ILAs by Oct. 1, 2025 to mitigate impacts to their transportation facilities
- Requires local governments with impact fees to base its calculations on a study using data within 4 years of the current impact fee update

HB 1301 – Department of Transportation

- Small County Outreach Program Farm-to-Market Language
- Prevents transit providers from using FDOT funds for advertising activities



Transportation & Economic Development



PASSED

- HB 141 – Economic Development
- HB 49 – Employment & Curfew of Minors
- SB 1680 – Advanced Technology
- SB 1380 – Transportation Services for Persons with Disabilities

FAILED

- HB 107 – Impact of EVs & Plug-in Hybrid EVs on State Revenues & Trust Funds
- SB 7076 – Transportation Network Companies

Criminal & Civil Justice

HB 275 – Offenses Involving Critical Infrastructure

- Establishes new criminal penalties for tampering with critical infrastructure

HB 117 – Disclosure of Grand Jury Testimony

- Allows for public release of grand jury testimony in 2006 case against Jeffrey Epstein

HB 7067 – Pretrial Detention Hearings

- Authorize court to base order of pretrial detention solely on hearsay if defendant was arrested for a dangerous crime where a pretrial hearing is mandatory

HB 1589 – Driving Without a Valid Driver License

- Increases penalties for driving without a license and mandates minimum jail sentences for repeat offenders



Public Safety

PASSED

- HB 3 – Online Access to Materials Harmful to Minors
- SB 556 – Protection of Specified Adults
- HB 1029 – My Safe Florida Condominium Pilot Program
- HB 7063 – Anti-Human Trafficking

FAILED

- HB 259/SB 270 – Discharging a Firearm in Residential Areas
- HB 873/SB 1156 – Dangerous Dogs



Education

SB 7002 – Deregulation of Public Schools

- Removes regulations on school districts to provide more flexibility regarding personnel and facility planning

SB 7004 – Assessment and Accountability Deregulation

- Provides flexibility for school districts regarding state mandated instructional materials and testing



Agriculture & Natural Resources



PASSED

SB 1638 – Funding for Environmental Resource Management

- Dedicates 96% of revenues from 2021 Gaming Compact to Florida's environmental resources:
 - FL Wildlife Corridor - \$100 million (26.042%)
 - Land Management & Invasive Species Removal - \$100 million (26.042%)
 - Resilient FL Grants - \$100 million (26.042%)
 - FL Water Quality Improvement Grants - \$79 million (remainder of funds)

FAILED

- HB 1079/SB 298 – Coastal Construction & Assessments
- HB 163/SB 608 – Dredging & Beach Restoration Projects

Governor & Leadership Priorities



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| 1. Health Care | ✓ | SB 7016, SB 7018, & more... |
| 2. Minor Social Media Use | ✓ | HB 3 |
| 3. Homestead Exemptions | ✓ | HJR 7017 & HB 7019 |
| 4. Public School Deregulation | ✓ | SB 7002 & SB 7004 |
| 5. Civilian Police Oversight | ✓ | HB 601 |
| 6. Homelessness | ✓ | HB 1365 |
| 7. Immigration | ✓ | HB 1451 |
| 8. Special Districts | ✓ | HB 7013 |
| 9. Tax Relief | ✓ | HB 7073 |
| 10. Historic Monument Removal | ✗ | HB 395 & SB 1122 |

2024 Constitutional Amendment Questions

Amendment 1 – **Partisan School Board Elections**

- Starting with 2026 Primary and General Elections

Amendment 2 – **Right to Hunt and Fish**

- Declares “A Public Right”
- Does not limit FWS authority

Amendment 3 – **Recreational Marijuana**

- Legalizes up to 3 oz. for those 21 and over
- Current dispensaries could sell

Amendment 4 – **Abortion Access**

- No law could restrict abortion before viability
- Parental notification remains

Amendment 5 – **Homestead Annual Inflation Adjustment**

- Applies to the \$25K exemption, between \$50-\$75K of value
- Estimated impact to Local Governments: - \$22 Billion

Amendment 6 – **Public Campaign Financing**

- Repeals Section 7, Article VI providing for public financing of campaigns for candidates who accept spending limits



FY 24 Federal Earmarks Awarded

FY 24 U.S. House of Representatives Earmarks - Awards

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick

Workforce Affordable Housing \$ 2,250,000

Rep. Lois Frankel

Green Cay Phase 2 \$ 959,757

Rep. Jared Moskowitz

Palm Tran Bus Shelters \$ 500,000



FY 25 Federal Earmark Update

FY 25 U.S. House of Representatives Earmarks – Requests

Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick - CD 20

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| P.B. Lakes Blvd. Bridge Safety Rehabilitation | \$ 2,000,000 |
| RESTORE Reentry | \$ 500,000 |

Rep. Brian Mast - CD 21

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| North County Airport Runway Design | \$ 1,500,000 |
| Peanut Island C.G. Historic Restoration | \$ 1,500,000 |
| Lake Worth Lagoon - Restoration | \$ 500,000 |
| Lake Worth Lagoon - Monitoring | \$ 450,000 |

Rep. Lois Frankel - CD 22

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| Housing for the Homeless | \$ 2,000,000 |
| P.B. Lakes Blvd. Bridge Safety Rehabilitation | \$ 2,000,000 |
| RESTORE Reentry | \$ 500,000 |

Rep. Jared Moskowitz – CD 23

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| Burt Aaronson S. Co. Reg. Park Upgrades | \$ 1,000,000 |
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Future Issues & Questions?

