

As approved by the Board of County Commissioners on February 15th, 2023



Appropriations

- **Request** \$5 million for the initial construction phase of the Hillsborough County African American Arts and Cultural Center.
- **Request** \$1.6 million for the operation of 12 short-term residential treatment beds and community-based services for post-discharge to provide essential mental health treatment that will empower individual recovery and reduce the likelihood of costly recidivism.
- **Request** \$5 million for needed capacity expansion of the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center to enhance critical operational response to declared states of emergency and natural disasters.



Transportation

- **Support** the recommended expenditure plan approved by the Board as requested by the Florida Department of Revenue for the 2018 Hillsborough County Citizen-Led Transportation Surtax to be used within Hillsborough County.



Housing

- **Support** maximum funding of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and advocate for legislation that seeks to expand the percentage of funds allocated toward affordable housing.



Economic Opportunity

- **Support** legislation creating the Targeted High Wage Production Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity, aimed at broadening the film, television, and digital media industry's impact on the state.
- **Support** a solution to the Seminole Gaming Compact that continues local government revenue sharing.



Natural Resources & Environmental Preservation

- **Advocate** for increased funding of the Florida Forever fund, which enables local governments to acquire additional lands for recreational and conservation uses.



Constitutional Issues

- **Support** the state of Florida's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



Local Government Operations & Home Rule

- **Oppose** legislation aiming to eliminate or substantially raise the statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state and local governments.
- **Oppose** legislation that impedes home rule authority, thereby limiting the ability of local governments to address issues within its jurisdiction in a timely manner.
- **Support** efforts initiated by agencies and municipalities within Hillsborough County that aim to provide support and enrichment to the region. Additionally, communicate and work with such agencies and localities in their efforts to bolster programming and address the funding needs of the county.
- **Support** policy positions of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) that are in alignment with Hillsborough County BOCC goals.