



TOWN OF CUTLER BAY

2018

STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Town of Cutler Bay Legislative Principles

- State Government should focus on state-level issues and allow local governments to operate with minimal state interference. The Town of Cutler Bay will oppose legislation that increases the involvement of state government in municipal affairs and preempts local governing prerogatives.
 - For Florida's economy to prosper, cities need to succeed. The Town of Cutler Bay will promote state investments in municipal infrastructure in order to create jobs and promote municipal revitalization. This will include funding for wastewater and stormwater improvements, local transportation projects, park and recreational activities, green technologies, and energy-saving initiatives.
 - State Government should not be allowed to continue disrupting the relationship between citizens and their city elected officials' authority to make decisions impacting the provision of municipal services and quality of life. The Town of Cutler Bay will oppose additional arbitrary limits on property assessments, municipal expenditures, and local revenues.
 - State mandates should be funded with state resources and should not seek to access local tax dollars. The Town of Cutler Bay will oppose unfunded mandates and support policies that require full funding of state initiatives and mandates to cities.
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HISTORY OF FUNDED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2013-01



The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** grant and legislative line item funding that enhances local financial capacity to address water resource and water supply development. The Town further supports enhanced funding of the Water Protection and Sustainability Program within the Department of Environmental Protection for comprehensive water supply infrastructure needs.

- *A State Budget Request was submitted during the FY2013 funding cycle for “Stormwater Retrofit Project – SW 212 Street/Cutler Bay High Drainage Improvement”, and was awarded \$300,000. Additionally, a funding request application was submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation, and was awarded \$400,000 (approved via Town Resolution #14-69).*
 - Project identified in the Town’s 2008 Stormwater Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #08-50).

2016-01



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- *Funding request application submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection- Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) November 2016 funding cycle for “Stormwater Retrofit Project – SW 100 Avenue/Port Royale”, and was awarded \$374,000 (approved via Town Resolution #17-70).*
 - Project identified in the Town’s 2008 Stormwater Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #08-50) and Town’s 2014 Local Mitigation Strategy (Adopted via Town Resolution #14-55).

2016-04

The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** grant and legislation line item funding for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP).



The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) is a successful funding vehicle for local government park development and recreational efforts and has helped leverage local dollars.

- *Town Staff submitted funding request to the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program during the 2016-17 funding cycle for a “**Canoe/Kayak Launch and Parking Facilities**”, and was awarded in the amount of **\$200,000** (approved via Town Resolution #17-37).*
 - Project identified in the Town’s 2009 Parks Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #09-15).

2017-01

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- *Town staff submitted a State Budget Request for “**Saga Bay 1.2 Sub-Basin Water Quality Improvement Project**” in the amount of \$165,250. The State Budget Request has been approved in the amount of **\$165,000** (approved via Town Resolution #17-73).*
 - Project identified in the Town’s 2008 Stormwater Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #08-50) AND Town’s 2014 Local Mitigation Strategy (Adopted via Town Resolution #14-55; and updated annually).

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2018-01 The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** grant and legislative line item funding that enhances local financial capacity to address water resource and water supply development. The Town further supports enhanced funding of the Water Protection and Sustainability Program within the Department of Environmental Protection for comprehensive water supply infrastructure needs.

- *Town staff plans to submit funding requests to agencies such as the Florida Department of Protection (FDEP), Florida Department of Emergency Management, and the South Florida Water Management District for “**Canal Bank Erosion Protection**” – SFWMD Canal C-1N in the amount of \$245,000, as grant opportunities become available*
- Project identified in the Town’s 2008 Stormwater Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #08-50) AND Town’s 2014 Local Mitigation Strategy (Adopted via Town Resolution #14-55; and updated annually).

2018-02 The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** grant and legislative line item funding that enforces State-wide/Regional/Local environmental education opportunities to study/enjoy fragile Biscayne Bay Wetlands.

- *Town staff plans to submit a funding request to the Florida Department of Protection (FDEP) for “**Cutler Bay Wetlands Observation Pavilion**” in the amount of \$200,000, as grant opportunities become available.*
- Project identified in the Town’s 2014-19 Strategic Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #14-71).

- 2018-03** The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** grant and legislative line item funding that dedicates to small businesses state economic development resources. Small businesses are the strength of Florida’s economy; but they are often overlooked or do not qualify for existing economic development initiatives.
- *Town staff plans to submit a budget request to the Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee for “**Town Center District Small Business Incubator**” in the amount of \$175,000.*
 - Project identified in the Town’s 2014-19 Strategic Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #14-71).
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- *During FY2017, Town staff submitted a State Budget Request to the Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee for “**US-1 Corridor Economic Development Plan**” in the amount of \$180,000.*
 - Project identified in the Town’s 2014-19 Strategic Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #14-71).
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- 2018-05** The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** grant and legislative line item funding through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to assist with the planning and implementation of an Active Adult Services Program.
- *During FY2017, Town staff submitted a State Budget Request for the “**Cutler Bay Active Adult Services**” Program in the amount of \$100,000, as grant opportunities become available. The Town plans to submit a funding request to the Alliance for Aging of Miami-Dade and Monroe County when the grant opportunity becomes available in 2018.*
 - This project is a result of recommendations made in the Town’s Active Adults [Senior] Needs Assessment (November 2013) AND Adopted Strategic Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #14-71). The goal of this project is to assist the Town’s older adults ages 55+ in aging in place while enjoying an active lifestyle that will keep them connected with the local community.

2018-06 The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** grant and legislative line item funding that enhances local financial capacity to address water resource and water supply development. The Town further supports enhanced funding of the Water Protection and Sustainability Program within the Department of Environmental Protection for comprehensive water supply infrastructure needs.

- *Town staff intends to submit a State Budget Request for “**Drainage Project-Cutler Ridge Section 3**” in the amount of \$300,000. This project was identified during a series of two (2) public input meetings in February 2017.*
 - Project identified in the Town’s 2015 Local Mitigation Strategy (originally Adopted via Town Resolution #14-55; and updated annually).

2018-07 The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** grant and legislative line item funding that enhances local financial capacity to address water resource and water supply development. The Town further supports enhanced funding of the Water Protection and Sustainability Program within the Department of Environmental Protection for comprehensive water supply infrastructure needs.

- *Town staff intends to submit a State Budget Request for “**Drainage Project-Saga Bay 1.7**” in the amount of \$250,000. This project is located in the Saga Bay Community, and the sub-basin currently has three repetitive loss properties as identified in the Town’s Flood Mitigation Plan.*
 - Project identified in the Town’s 2008 Stormwater Master Plan (Adopted via Town Resolution #08-50) AND Town’s 2014 Local Mitigation Strategy (Adopted via Town Resolution #14-55; and updated annually) AND the Town’s Floodplain Mitigation Plan.

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LEGISLATION – SUPPORTS

- ❖ The Town of Culer Bay **supports** the development and use of the existing South Dade Transitway for the future expansion of a mass transit system. The expansion of the mass transit system will have a significant positive impact on social, environmental, and economic conditions with the South Dade Region of Miami-Dade County. **The Town advocates on behalf of its residents for light rail and/or Metrorail (one seat ride)** in lieu of the Bus Rapid Transit proposed by the Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez (Town Resolution #17-32).
- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** legislation establishing an animal abuser registry. During the 2017 Legislative Session, Florida House Representatives Blaise Ingoglia (R-Spring Hill), Jared Moskowitz (D-Coral Springs), Jason Fischer (R-Jacksonville), Joseph Geller (D-Aventura), Ralph Massullo (D-Lecanto), and David Richardson (D-Miami Beach) jointly filed Florida House Bill 871. The proposed Bill would create a publicly accessible animal abuse registry, maintained by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, listing those individuals convicted of felony crimes relating to animal abuse.
- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** legislation that allows for the removal of Billboards along the Florida Department of Transportation Right-of-Ways adjacent to the South Dade Transitway.
- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** legislation that strengthens Municipal Home Rule which is essential in reflecting the needs and desires of local communities. (Town Resolution #17-19). Furthermore, the Town of Cutler Bay **supports** legislation that allows local municipalities to regulate businesses such as short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb, HomeAway, Craigslist, etc.
- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** legislation that commits to long-term funding stability for teacher performance pay and teacher evaluation systems in accordance with the Miami-Dade Public School System’s adopted 2018 State and Federal Legislative Programs agenda.
- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** legislation for the 2018 Legislative Session to fund flood mitigation in affected communities. The legislation proposed by State Senator Jeff Brandes will create a matching grant program, in part through the State’s Land Acquisition Trust Fund, for “local projects (that) reduce flood risks and acquire conservation land for the purpose of mitigating flood risk”. The Town further proposes that communities with an adopted Flood Mitigation Master Pan that has been reviewed and approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receive priority when being considered for funding.

- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** legislation relating to the ban on “Fracking” activity in the State of Florida. “Fracking,” or “hydraulic fracturing,” is a drilling process which involves the injection of water, sand and other elements into the ground to create fractures in rock formations, allowing for the release of natural gas and oil, thus posing a threat to the Floridian aquifer, other natural resources and the environment.
- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** the South Florida Water Management District **AND** the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands – Phase I Project. The Cutler Wetlands re-establishes connectivity between coastal and near shore wetlands and hydrates areas susceptible to hyper saline conditions including a pump station, culverts and a spreader canal.

The intent of the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project is to rehydrate coastal wetlands and reduce freshwater point source discharges to Biscayne Bay. In addition, the project will replace lost overland flow and partially compensate for the reduction in groundwater seepage by redistributing available surface water entering the area from regional canals through a spreader canal system.

On June 10, 2014, the project received congressional authorization in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014. Congressional authorization now makes the project eligible for funding during the appropriations process.

- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** legislation relating to disposable plastic bags; authorizing certain municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags; provides program criteria, provides for program expiration; directs participating municipalities to collect data and submit reports to municipal governing bodies and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP); defines term “coastal community”; effective date upon becoming a law.
- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** strengthening the prohibition on existing and new unfunded mandates, requires enhanced staff analyses of quantification of the costs to cities, and ensures full state funding sources be assigned whenever unfunded mandates are identified.
- ❖ The Town of Cutler Bay **supports** the creation of regulations related to retail business centers with parking lots containing 25 or more parking spaces; providing for installation of security camera systems for parking lot surveillance. The Town Council of Cutler Bay finds that the parking lots of retail, restaurant and service establishments may expose people to the risk of abductions, robberies, and other similar criminal acts. A study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services has determined that there is a reduced level of fear amongst people who are aware they are under video surveillance, while also encouraging people to be more security conscious. (For more details please refer to Town Ordinance #09-03).

