
As Amended and Approved by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners on December 17, 2025

Appropriation Requests

Fire Rescue / Emergency Management

- Request \$3,000,000 for emergency response and recovery investments to protect the public in the event of a natural disaster, including acquisition of four (4) high water rescue vehicles, procurement of a 1kW portable generator, significant modification to the Emergency Operations Center stormwater drainage system to address major flooding risks revealed in the 2025 storm season that jeopardizes the safe and full functioning of the facility during a state of emergency, and procurement of an aqua fence flood barrier for Fire Station #31 that provides additional hardening of this vital public safety asset. *Recommended by Fire Rescue Department*
- Request \$675,000 to establish a Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Fallen Firefighter Memorial to honor those who died in the line of duty over the last 50 years. *Recommended by Commissioner Boles*

Water Resources

- Request \$10,000,000 towards construction of the Balm Road Super Pump Station Project, a critical component of the One Water Program, designed as a long-term solution to deliver reliable, resilient, and sustainable water service to meet the demands of the approximately 145,000 residents, and rapidly growing, who live and are moving into the south-central service area of the County. *Recommended by Water Resources Department*
- Request \$2,000,000 to upgrade and modernize water meters of approximately 15,000 residents throughout the County with new advanced metering infrastructure that provides real-time usage data, improved billing accuracy, reduce meter reading costs, and enhance outage and low-leak detection capability. These advanced meters will replace antiquated analog meters that are, in some cases, difficult to access for meter readers, inaccurate, and lack the ability to detect low-level leaks, incurring additional costs and unintended waste of limited water resources. *Recommended by Water Resources Department*

Infrastructure & Transportation

- Request and support funding of \$5,000,000 for substantial final planning and construction of a Hillsborough County African American Arts & Cultural Center. *Recommended by Commissioner Myers*

Policy Positions & Requests

Emergency Management

- Support legislation granting authority to the Governor and/or Florida Division of Emergency Management to establish post-disaster rate controls for debris removal and related cleanup services to establish stabilized cleanup costs, ensure fairness across affected jurisdictions, and protect taxpayer funds from contractor price gouging during disaster recovery operations; and requiring mandatory adherence by all affected counties and cities. *Recommended by Commissioner Boles*

Finance and Taxation

- Monitor and report to the Board on ad valorem property tax reform proposals, including projected financial and service impacts. Communicate the same to the Hillsborough Legislative Delegation and other interested parties. *Recommended by Government Relations and Strategic Services Department*

Housing & Land Use

- Support legislation that clarifies the provisions of SB 180 enacted in the 2025 state legislative session that bars counties and cities affected by any recent hurricane from adopting “more restrictive or burdensome” land use regulations. Currently, local governments are experiencing uncertainty in how these terms are consistently defined and face increased risks of costly lawsuits, inhibiting decisions on community-requested actions. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*

Legal

- Support legislation that preempts liability of slip and fall accidents due to naturally occurring environmental disruptions of infrastructure. *Recommended by Commissioner Wostal*

Infrastructure & Facilities

- Support funding for infrastructure of indoor and outdoor athletic facilities. *Recommended by Commissioner Hagan*
- Support continuation of F.S. 288.116, for a new 10-year agreement with the state for professional sports facility renovations to current facilities. *Recommended by Commissioner Hagan*

Policy Positions & Requests (continued)

Utilities

- Support an increase in funding for septic to sewer projects and other stormwater resiliency initiatives. *Recommended by Commissioner Cohen*

Local Government Operations & Home Rule

- Support legislation that would remove any reference to County Commissioners having to “call” an election as referenced in Florida Statute section 1011.73(2); and support removing the language in Florida Statute section 212.055 requires a county to place school board referendums on the ballot. *Recommended By Commissioner Myers*
- Oppose legislation that impedes home rule authority, thereby potentially limiting the ability of local governments to address issues within its jurisdiction in an effective manner. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*
- 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. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*
- Support policy positions of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) that are in alignment with Hillsborough County BOCC policies and goals. *Recommended by Government Relations & Strategic Services Department*