



The Small County Coalition
2013 Legislative Program

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Legislative Districts Representing Small Counties

Populations Under 150,000
And Associate Members *

13 of 40 Senate Districts Include Small Counties

Senate District 1 – Don Gaetz	Holmes, Jackson, Walton, and Washington
Senate District 2 – Greg Evers	Santa Rosa*
Senate District 3 – Bill Montford	Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla
Senate District 4 – Aaron Bean	Nassau
Senate District 5 – Charlie Dean	Baker, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee, and Union
Senate District 6 – John Thrasher	Flagler, and Putnam
Senate District 7 – Rob Bradley	Bradford and Clay*
Senate District 11 – Alan Hays	Sumter
Senate District 18 – Wilton Simpson	Sumter
Senate District 21 – Denise Grimsley	Highlands, Martin, and Okeechobee
Senate District 26 – Bill Galvano	DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, and Highlands
Senate District 32 – Joe Negron	Indian River, and Martin
Senate District 39 – Dwight Bullard	Hendry and Monroe

20 of 120 House Districts Include Small Counties

House District 2 – Clay Ford	Santa Rosa*
House District 3 – Doug Broxson	Santa Rosa*
House District 5 – Marti Coley	Holmes, Jackson, Walton, and Washington
House District 7 – Halsey Beshears	Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Jefferson, Lafayette, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla
House District 8 – Alan Williams	Gadsden
House District 10 – Elizabeth Porter	Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, and Suwannee
House District 11 – Janet Adkins	Nassau
House District 18 – Travis Cummings	Clay*
House District 19 – Charles VanZant	Bradford, Clay, Putnam, Union
House District 21 – Keith Perry	Dixie, and Gilchrist
House District 22 – Charlie Stone	Levy
House District 24 – Travis Hudson	Flagler
House District 33 – Marlene O’Toole	Sumter
House District 34 – Jimmie T. Smith	Citrus
House District 54 – Debbie Mayfield	Indian River
House District 55 – Cary Pigman	Glades, Highlands, and Okeechobee
House District 56 – Ben Albritton	DeSoto, and Hardee
House District 80 – Matt Hudson	Hendry
House District 82 – MaryLynn Magar	Martin
House District 120 – Holly Merrill Raschein	Monroe

The SMALL COUNTY COALITION

Legislative Program for 2013

Introduction

The Small County Coalition is a statewide alliance of county commissions from small and rural counties. The purpose of the Coalition is to give increased visibility and support to the issues to small counties and rural communities.

The Small County Coalition's primary mission is to help Florida's small and rural counties address legislative issues from a small county/rural perspective and work effectively with state agencies leadership.

The Small County Coalition believes in the importance of a state rural policy that protects the character of our small and rural areas; promotes economic development; and, maintains and promotes the viability of existing small county economies such as agriculture and eco-tourism.

The Small County Coalition supports programs that improve the financial viability and fiscal capacity of Florida's local governments in small counties.

The Small County Coalition supports programs that help provide services to Floridians who reside in small counties; Floridians who visit their communities for enjoyment; and, Visitors from outside the state who travel through small counties in route to destinations in and out of Florida.

The Small County Coalition is hopeful that the Florida Legislature will use the following suggestions to guide their actions relating to small and rural areas:

MAJOR LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- *Continue Funding in High Priority Need Areas;*
- *Ensure Effectiveness of Economic Development Efforts; Stimulate Employment Growth; and Target Actions to Protect Against Job Losses or Economic Instability;*
- *Oppose Proposals that Shift Cost from State to Local level, Increase Local Costs, and/or are "One Size Fits All" approaches;*
- *Identify and Eliminate, Waive, Delay, or Mitigate Requirements, Regulations, Mandated Criteria, Reports, Studies, or other requirements that are non-critical, have unintended consequences, and result in increased local spending; and,*
- *Ensure "Meaningful Local Involvement" in State or Regional activities and decisions.*

Priorities to Guide the 2013 Legislative Session

The Small County Coalition submits the following suggestions for consideration by the Governor, Cabinet Members, Members of the Florida Legislature, the Leadership within State Agencies and, other local, state, and federal interests that might be supportive of Florida's small and rural communities.

Protect funding for programs important to Small Counties and Rural communities - The Small County Coalition requests that funding levels to high valued grant programs and revenue sharing be protected. These programs include – Small County Road funding, Revenue Sharing; State Aid for Local Libraries; Support for Transportation Projects and Programs; Transportation Disadvantaged; Housing funds; Rural Health Initiatives; Aerial Photography; Small County Water Projects; Courthouse renovations and other infrastructure projects.

Protect Fiscally Constrained County Offset Funding – Enhanced funding is currently provided to Fiscally Constrained Counties within State Revenue Sharing; and additional revenue offsets are provided for the impact of Amendment 1, Juvenile Pretrial Detention Costs, and, for Conservation Easement exemptions provided in the Florida Constitution. The Small County Coalition requests continued commitment to provide Fiscally Constrained offset funding for programs currently funded.

Increase Funding for Small County Road Programs – The Small County Coalition requests that the Florida Legislature provide increased funding for Small County Rural Assistance Program (SCRAP) and the Small County Outreach Program. Current year funding for - SCRAP - \$25,521,197 and SCOP - \$29,659,493.

- Funding in FY 08-09 for SCRAP and SCOP totaled \$75 million;
- Funding in FY 09-10 for SCRAP and SCOP totaled \$48 million;
- Funding in FY 10-11 for SCRAP and SCOP totaled \$31.3 million;
- Funding in FY 11-12 for SCRAP and SCOP totaled \$31.3 million;
- Funding in FY 12-13 for SCRAP and SCOP totaled \$55.2 million.

In addition, the Small County Coalition requests consideration of special funding to support repair or replacement of bridges rated below satisfactory on DOT inspections.

Eliminate Medicaid County Cost Share – The history of problems within the County Medicaid Cost-Share program are well documented. These problems were highlighted during the 2012 Legislative Session; however, the legislation passed removed local county officials from oversight of Medicaid billings prior to payment and removed the counties ability to determine payment methods.

The Small County Coalition requests that the Florida Legislature take steps to remove counties from the Medicaid program. Until counties are removed from the County Medicaid Cost-Share program, the Small County Coalition requests that counties be restored in the review of state billings; that counties be able to choose which revenue source to pay bills that are owed; and, that an expedited review be established to ascertain accuracy of disputed bills.

Rural Health Care - The Small County Coalition supports the current state structure for Health Departments and supports as a priority funding for health departments including increased primary health care services in small counties. Efforts to close the access to health care gap should be supported.

Small County Technical Assistance Program - The Small County Coalition supports the restoration of funding for the purpose of implementing purposed of the Small County Technical Assistance Program outlined in FS 163.05. Funding was previously provided and reduced due to budget reductions. Restoration of funding is requested at \$125,000.

Small County Solid Waste Program Funding - The Small County Coalition requests a funding increase to implement programs included in FS 403.706 (4)(c). Funding for Small County Solid Waste Grants has remained at \$2.4 million for four years.

Oppose Unfunded-Cost Shifts – The Small County Coalition is concerned with cost-cutting recommendations that shift responsibilities and increased requirements to the local level . The Small County Coalition requests opposition to unfunded legislative or agency proposals that increase the cost of local governments. For example, the Small County Coalition opposes changing s. 944.17(3)(a), F.S., to provide that only persons with 1 year or more left on their sentences (at time of sentencing) be sent to state prison. Such a change would increase county jail populations and have a significant financial impact on local governments.

Support Rural Job Creation and Protection of Rural Economic Base -

- The Small County Coalition requests a clear rural job creation strategy within the state economic development job creation plan. This strategy should include - Legislative Flexibility and Regulatory Predictability; Organizational realignment of resources in support of rural job creation.; Identify and support Emerging Market Opportunities in rural areas; and, Protect Against Actions that impact local economic stability.
- The Small County Coalition supports the identification of High Value Opportunities for development within state rural initiatives.
- The Small County Coalition supports establishing measureable performance standards to serve as benchmarks for evaluating effectiveness of economic development efforts in rural areas.
- The Small County Coalition supports establishing a Rural Economic Development fund to support high-value opportunities – support infrastructure and providing for funds for key Renovations and Restoration of important local venues.

Florida Retirement System – The Florida Legislature is requested to maintain current provisions and benefits for current employees and retirees participating in the program. Any changes should be applicable to new hires. The Small County Coalition strongly opposes the proposal to reduce revenue sharing in the amount of the increased local employee retirement contribution.

Meaningful Involvement of Local Officials in State and Regional Actions – The Small County Coalition requests that state and regional agencies provide “Meaningful Local Involvement” when making decisions, issuing permits, establishing rules, and/or are developing agency actions the impact a local community or adjacent communities. This includes notifying local officials of agency actions; providing opportunity for local input; providing for a “full cost disclosure”; providing for a complete analysis of impacts to local communities; and provisions for local government be involved and express support or opposition to the proposed actions. The Small County Coalition also recommends that Agency Boards, Commissions, Advisory Councils including the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Water Management Districts include representatives from small counties, rural areas and local governments.

Provide Special Project Infrastructure Funding - The Small County Coalition requests special funding to address special infrastructure and local projects including: Small County Courthouse Renovations, Emergency Shelters needs, Repair or replacement of bridges rated below satisfactory on DOT inspections Roads, Parks, Water Projects, Libraries, and other non-recurring local priorities.

Protect Rural Water Resources – The Small County Coalition supports the current Water Management District structure and is concerned that a shift to a centralized regulatory structure. The Small County Coalition recommends the following-

- Maintain current water management structure;
- Continue Local Sources First Philosophy; and,
- Ensure local government participation in water supply availability determinations.
- Protection of Water resources in Rural areas.

Regional Planning Councils – The Small County Coalition supports full funding of regional planning councils. Regional Planning Councils provide planning and technical services and economic development support activities to local governments. Regional Planning Council assistance is especially helpful to Florida’s rural local governments.

Sustainability of Marine Resources - The Small County Coalition is concerned with the short and long-term sustainability of the marine and freshwater fishery resources and the impact of the Deepwater Horizon event and other water-related environmental and regulatory issues. Recreational fishing and seafood production are vital to the State of Florida, in all coastal counties, and especially in the small counties where employment opportunities are limited. The Small County Coalition urges all local, state, and federal agencies to coordinate programs concerning renewable marine resources with immediate emphasis on resuming the historical flow of water to Apalachicola Bay and the Northern Gulf region, which covers Florida’s west coast counties where oyster’s and shellfish are produced. The Coalition further urges that regulatory decisions be based on current science and stock assessment data and take into consideration economic impacts on coastal economies.

Florida Fish and Wildlife - Fisheries and wildlife issues are very important to Florida’s small counties. Florida’s small counties have significant amounts of forest, undisturbed land and rural coastal communities. Decisions impacting these areas, including regulation related to hunting, fishing, bear management, “Big Animal” permits and other commission actions have significant consequence. The Small County Coalition requests that the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission work with the Small County Coalition on issues where decisions that have significant consequences and to establish a protocol for discussions of mutual concern.

Provide Revenue Flexibility – The Small County Coalition supports increased flexibility in local revenue sources as determined for local funding needs.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FISCAL POLICY PROPOSALS

Cost Shifts and Increasing Costs

- Oppose the shifting of program costs to the local level.
- Oppose legislation that shifts administrative or un-funded responsibilities to local governments.
- Offset the cost of any fund shifts on Florida's fiscally constrained small counties.
- Continue allocating funding to offset the impact of the Department of Juvenile Justice pre-trial detention costs shift on fiscally constrained counties.

Revenue Sharing

- Evaluate State and Local Revenue Sharing Programs to enhance funding to small counties that evidence fiscal hardships, rely heavily of local ad valorem, and/or demonstrate conditions of limited revenue capacity.

Fiscally Constrained Counties

- Protect the Fiscally Constrained Revenue Sharing Program - Ensure a "No Harm" standard in any effort to change the funding source or the criteria for the Fiscally Constrained Program.
- Continue funding commitment to Fiscally Constrained counties.

Impact Fees

- Impact fees should continue to be authorized through local home rule authority guided by local conditions, such as, growth rates, infrastructure needs and fiscal capacity of the local community.

Rural Health Care

- Implement steps to **limit health care costs** on local governments
- Continue state funding to **reimburse county Health Departments** that provide primary care and/or dental services in rural areas and support fiscal sustainability of County Health Departments.
- Increase funding to **meet health-related transportation needs of indigent and disadvantaged populations.**
- Cap or limit county responsibility for **inpatient hospital costs and nursing home cost share.**

Small County Courts

- Provide funding to support **Small County Courthouse** Renovation and Construction Projects.
- Ensure that small counties and rural areas have sufficient resources for the operation of Florida's court system.

Small County Jails

- Provide funding to assist in expansion and construction of local jail facilities in small counties that are experiencing overcrowding resulting from incarceration of state parole violations.

Parks and Recreation

- Fully fund projects recommended within the FRDAP program.
- Provide special project funding for local recreation infrastructure.

Small County Technical Assistance Program

- Restore the funding level for the Small County Technical Assistance Program .

Small County Libraries

- Support state aid funding.
- Protect equalization component within the current formula
- Provide opportunity for legislative funding for main library structures in small counties that do not meet Federal Square Footage standards, demonstrate that they meet appropriate local conditions and funding

County Revenue Issues

- Authorize non-charter counties to levy Communications Services Tax at the level authorized for charter counties and cities. Communications Services Tax - Currently provides that charter counties and cities can levy communications services tax at a rate of up to 5.2% while non-charter counties can levy only up to 1.72%. The tax is applied to purchases on telephone service, cable service, and wireless service. F.S. 202.20(a)
- Authorize non-charter counties to levy the Public Service Tax. The “Municipality Utilities Tax” provides cities and charter counties with authority to levy a rate of up to 10% on purchases of natural gas, electricity and water. Charter Counties got the ability to levy this from a court case in the 90’s. The court ruled that Charter Counties had all powers of local self-government. F.S. 166.231

Emergency Management

- **Infrastructure Needs** – provide funding for emergency management related facilities to meet the evacuation and shelter needs in Florida’s small counties.
- **Road Capabilities** - Ensure small county roads receive the support needed within the Strategic Intermodal System and the Florida Transportation Plan to accommodate evacuation needs of coastal and urban communities.
- **Communications** – Ensure the necessary funding to meet the communication equipment needs in rural areas.

Affordable Housing

- Maintain and protect the existing state housing trust funds for affordable housing programs, specifically the local S.H.I.P programs.

Liability Issues

- Maintain Sovereign Immunity Limits and the current process for resolving claims.
- Evaluate and revise the legislation pertaining to presumption relating to Police and Firefighters to ensure claims are in fact job-related.

Limit Training and Hiring Mandates –

- Small county officials support increased opportunities to enhance professionalism in key program areas through relevant and accessible training opportunities tiered to meet local needs. The Small County Coalition requests the Florida Legislature and State Agencies avoid mandating rigid training and hiring requirements for Local Positions.

TRANSPORTATION AND ROAD POLICY PROPOSALS

Small County Road Funding

- Small County Road Assistance Program (339.2816 FS) and the Small County Outreach Program (339.2818 FS) provide critical road funding in small counties.
- The Small County Coalition requests funding to support bridge repair or replacement for bridges rated below satisfactory by DOT evaluations.
- Provide continued technical assistance that would facilitate TRIP funding for regional transportation projects in rural counties.

Strategic Intermodal System

- Ensure that the Florida's Strategic Intermodal System is accessible from all areas of the state, includes strategic emerging transportation hubs, corridors and connectors important to rural communities, and is not funded at the expense of other road programs important to small counties.

Florida Transportation Plan 2060

- Ensure that the Florida Transportation Plan provides sufficient focus, direction and funding to address the development of efficient road systems in Florida's rural counties.

Dirt Roads

- Ensure that local governments have the authority to initiate routine maintenance on existing infrastructure (roads, ditches, driveways, etc.) without having to comply with burdensome, overly prescriptive and costly permit requirements.

Transportation Disadvantaged

- The Transportation Disadvantaged program responds to critical transportation needs in Florida's rural counties. Floridians that are unable to self-provide transportation to the medical appointments, employment, and other locations rely heavily on this program. The Small County Coalition requests that funding for the Transportation Disadvantaged programs that are providing critical services to the medically needy, elderly, and developmentally challenged be protected and any effort to limit the scope of transportation programs to these constituents be avoided. .

Energy Issues

- Develop programs to maximize buying power of state and local governments to influence favorable pricing for fuel efficient equipment, vehicles and actual fuel purchases.
- Ensure aggressive oversight and enforcement relating to consumer protection from energy costs.
- Consider approaches to develop alternative fuel sources.

Gas and Sales Tax

- Consider indexing local option fuel taxes to an inflation factor.
- Review distribution formulas for GAS TAX and SALES TAX to ensure fair distribution to areas that do not have significant Points of Collections within their communities

Road Reclassification

- Allow counties demonstrating fiscal hardship to reclassify counties roads to the state road system.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT POLICY PROPOSALS

Water Utilization and Transfer

- Ensure local government participation in water supply availability determinations;
- Continue Local Sources First Philosophy; and,
- Require that prior to transferring water from another region or county, entities in areas desiring water transfer, shall:
 - Maximize utilization of local sources to the extent to which sustainability is impacted;
 - Implement conservation methods or other locally identified opportunities;
 - Take steps to limit cause of increased consumption, such as a moratorium on new construction until an adequate supply of water is available in the community; and,
 - Ensure that any transfer determination meets a “No Harm” standard in reference to the region from which water is being transferred.
- Continue State efforts to protect adequate water flow levels in the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, Flint River Basin.

Solid Waste/Recycling

- Provide increase in funding for small county solid waste and recycling grants.
- Streamline reporting requirements for counties exempt from the Recycling Goal.

Water Projects

- Provide funding for Sewer and Water line hookups and Storm Water Projects including Innovative Water Supply Initiatives, and other local infrastructure project needs.

Coastal And Marine Impacts

- Support research and program initiatives that will ascertain the causes and provide for remedies relating to Red Tide, algae blooms, forms of water pollution and other related environmental degradation occurring in Florida’s coastal waters.
- Initiate comprehensive program to offset the economic impacts that Oil Spills, Red Tide, Hurricane damage, Gas Increases, and Coastal Water quality problems have had on all elements of Florida’s marine industries.
- Support a Working Waterfronts program that ensures local government participation in development of local plans.

Disposal of Septic Waste

- Consider repeal ban on Septic Waste disposal and/or provide alternative disposal methods that do not cause unreasonable burden or costs.

Non-native Invasive Plants

- Ensure sufficient funding and support to effectively address the management and spread of non-native invasive upland and aquatic species throughout Florida.

Agriculture

- Promote, protect and strengthen efforts to support the agricultural economy of the State of Florida and other industries that are critical to the economies of rural areas.
- Ensure a coordinated state/local policy to support the unique land use issues of agricultural properties and ensure that local governments retain ability to establish local ordinance regulating land use issues.
- Provide funding for the Rural Lands Stewardship Program and the Rural & Family Lands Protection Act, as well as, other programs structured to preserve agricultural lands and promote Agriculture.
- Maintain existing ad valorem taxation policies relating to Agricultural property.

Growth Management

- Ensure that growth management requirements in rural counties are not overly burdensome and costly; do not limit or burden potential for economic growth; and, include provisions for waivers of provisions if determined appropriate by local government officials.
- Ensure that small counties have the resources to effectively assess the impact of growth and development at the local level and in neighboring communities; and enable funding options for small counties to meet costs related to growth.
- Promote the capacity of the Regional Planning Councils to assist local governments with planning considerations as deemed necessary by the local government.

Permitting and Inspections

- Provide alternatives to existing requirements for rural county building inspectors and plan examiners that acknowledge differing skill sets needed amongst rural/urban certification.
- Oppose Performance Based Permitting Program.

Land Buying Programs

- Incorporate within PILT funding formula consideration of infrastructure needs and other impacts resulting from increased utilization of land purchased by state agencies. Incorporate within PILT funding formula consideration of infrastructure needs and other impacts resulting from increased utilization of land purchased by state agencies.
- **Conservation Easements** - Consider initiating a program of conservation easements and/or leases as an alternative to fee simple purchase within land acquisition programs thereby maintaining the revenue capacity of property secured by public agencies.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY PROPOSALS

The Small County Coalition supports:

- Ensuring collaboration and involvement of public and private interests on local Economic Development Councils.
- Establishing a clear goal for rural job growth.
- Protecting communities from decisions that would negatively impact the local economy in rural areas.
- Establishing clear performance measures for all economic development programs.
- Creating an inventory of “High Valued” opportunities in Florida’s rural counties.
- Establishing a “Super Fund” to support rural projects – future and current.
- Expanding the Rural Enterprise Program to include all counties within a designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern.
- Enhancing marketing effort to promote increase visitation, tourism, and business opportunities in Florida rural areas. Florida’s small counties are rich in water, forests, historical sites and unique cultural and recreational activities.

Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI)

- REDI leadership should ensure that State Agency heads are familiar with the REDI process and that Agency REDI coordinators have access to and consult with Agency management on rural resource and policy issues.
- REDI leadership should ensure that all REDI Agencies are implementing the statutes that enable REDI counties to effectively compete and received sufficient support to facilitate local projects. Specifically pertaining to F.S. 288.019 – modifying evaluation criteria; F.S. 288.0656 – Assigning High level Staff to REDI and, F.S. 288.06561 – Providing Waiver of match policy that enables project effectiveness.
- REDI leadership should ensure that State Agencies provide technical assistance to small counties as needed to maximize administrative and financial support.
- REDI leadership should ensure that every REDI State Agency identify and document specific resources that are intended to or could be used to assist rural community development and implement technical assistance to ensure accessibility and resource delivery at the local level.
- Ensure that all existing “Grants and Resources” available to assist small counties are marketed by state agencies and used in a coordinated manner to ensure distribution and impact at the local level.
- REDI leadership should ensure that all agency programs that provide funding and services for local governments provide the necessary administrative assistance for small counties to access the state resources.
- REDI Agencies should promote flexibility and, if justified, waivers, in regulatory and administrative requirements that require additional local resources and increase local costs

Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern

- The Small Count Coalition supports regional collaboration and communication through the RACEC program.
- The Small County Coalition requests a strategic effort within the State Job Creation Plan to change the economic conditions within RACEC designated counties sufficient to allow currently designated counties to become non-RACEC.
- The Small County Coalition does not support changing the term Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. Regional Organizations and state agencies are currently able to “rebrand” the region for marketing purposes but the current RACEC term implies a certain condition that results in enhanced focus enabling increased resource allocation.

Enterprise Zone Program

- The Small County Coalition supports the continuation of the State Enterprise Zone program as an important strategic tool utilized in rural areas.

**Small County Appropriations
Funding Comparison of Actual
FY 2011-2012 with funding in HB 5001 for FY 2012-2013**

Issue – L.I. Number/Program Name	2011-12 Budget	Budget Agreement For FY 12-13
L.I. 1950 - Small County Road Assistance Program	\$10,000,000	\$25,685,535
L.I. – 1951- DOT Small County Outreach Program	\$21,362,190	\$26,840,778
L.I. – 1192 - DJJ Fiscally Constrained – DJJ Offset	\$4,632,618	\$3,883,853
L.I. – 3053 - Fiscally Constrained – Conservation Easement	\$537,260	<u>\$537,260</u>
L.I. -3054- Fiscally Constrained – Amendment 1	\$25,000,000	<u>\$25,800,000</u>
L.I. – 1856 - FWC - Control of Invasive Plants	\$23,323,647	<u>\$23,323,647</u>
L.I. 3162A - DOS –Library Coop	\$1,000,000	\$1, 500,000 – VETOED
DOS - 2963 – Library State Aid Program	State-\$21,300,000	State- \$21,300,000
L.I. 3049 – DOR - Aerial Photography	\$1,376,266 w500K for counties under 50,000	\$1,576,266 With \$700,00 for counties under 50,000
L.I. 3083 - DOR - Revenue Sharing – Emergency Distribution	\$16,367,042	\$16,307,042
L.I. – 3084 - Revenue Sharing – Supplemental Distribution	\$592,958	\$592,958
L.I. – 1586 - DEP - Payment In Lieu of Taxes - DEP	\$1,360,000	\$1,360,000
L.I. – 1687 - DEP – Small County Wastewater Treatment	\$16,600,000	\$17,350,000
L.I. – 1953 - County Transportation Programs	\$55,007,529	\$50,720,914
Line Item 1714 – DEP –Small County Solid Waste Grants	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000
L.I. 2284A – DCA -Regional Planning Councils	\$500,000 -Vetoed	\$2,500,000- VETOED
DACS - Mosquito Control	\$1,293,368	\$1,043,368
L.I. – 1511- DACS - Oyster Planting	\$917,175	\$900,000
DACS - Rural Community Fire	\$72,589	\$72,589
L.I. 2579 – DEM - Disaster Preparedness	\$2,389,944	\$2,389,944
L.I. 2594 – DEM - Emergency Management	\$7,089,061	\$7,089,061
OTTED - Rural Community Devevelopment	\$1,170,000	\$1,170,000
L.I. – 2314B - OTTED - Rural Infrastructure	\$1,581,244	\$1,581,245
L.I. – 212 - AHCA -Rural Health Services	\$101,277,171	\$125,677,607
L.I. – 405 - DEA - Community Care for the Elderly	\$53,044,996	\$53,822,537
DOH - County Health Departments	\$1,091,412,713	\$981,093,405
DOH - Primary Care for CHD’s	\$19,221,512	\$19,383,035
L.I. –2293 - DCA -Home Energy Assistance	\$111,164,000	\$78,100,000
L.I. – 2297/2298 - DCA -Weatherization Grants	\$13,000,000	\$13,000,000
DCA -Affordable Housing (SHIP)	-	-0-
DCA -Affordable Housing	0	\$10,000,000 contingent on doc. Stamps exceeding \$35 million
L.I. – 1685 - DEP –Drinking Water Revolving Loan	\$91,053,594	\$68,079,716
DEP –Florida Forever	-	\$8,377,966
DEP – PARKS – FRDAP	0	-0-
L.I. – 1914 - DOT - Transportation Disadvantaged	\$39,904,800	\$43,404,800
L.I. 1915 - Transportation Disadvantaged Medicaid	\$65,486,126	\$65,486,126
L.I. – 2872 - DMS –Wireless 911 to Counties	\$70,190,273	\$70,020,273
L.I. – 2873 - Wireless 911 - to Providers	\$15,484,846	\$15,484,846
L.I. – 2874DMS –Non-Wireless 911 to Counties	\$50,030,674	\$50,030,674
L.I. – 3229 - State Court System –Drug Courts	\$12,483,000	\$10,685,223



Small County Coalition Officers for 2012-13

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