



City of Delray Beach FY 2021 Appropriation Requests & Legislative Priorities

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The City of Delray Beach Summary of FY 2021 Appropriation Requests

\$250,000 – Pompey Park Improvements

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A replacement pavilion that would serve as a location for community building, provide a shaded sun-safe covered gathering place with seating and allow caregivers to keep an eye on their families. The installation of the community pavilion will also extend the hours of usefulness and comfort for park patrons.

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\$100,000 – Pompey Park Senior Programming

The City of Delray Beach requests \$100,000 for senior population activities & support programming, looking to connect the city's senior population with daytime activities & programs crafted specifically for them.

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The installation of baseball bleacher shade protection will shield park spectators, fans, and family members from the sun's harmful rays. Improving the overall experience for families will help this local, predominantly African American, little baseball program continue to flourish at Pompey Park.

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connect and provide alternative diversion services to those who are dealing with mental illness, experiencing homelessness or battling addiction. The need for specific programs addressing mental health is extremely critical due to COVID-19. The “program” includes a Community Outreach Team is comprised of a service population advocate, two community resource officers, members of the South County Mental Health Center Rapid Response Team and one service population advocate intern. The program embodies effective police reform, and its success is being noticed in our community.

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\$400,000 – American Legion Building Rehabilitation

The City of Delray Beach requests \$400,000 in matching funds to rehabilitate the American Legion Building located at 196 NW 8th Street in the City of Delray Beach. While not listed on either the national or local historic registers, this building was constructed by and utilized as the first American Legion center to serve an African American membership. Over the years the building has fallen into disrepair due to lack of maintenance and use. The total cost of this project is \$800,000 and would include the adaptive reuse of the facility to serve as a community service center.



\$20,000 – Summer Reading Packets

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The City of Delray Beach requests matching funds for a tutorial programming focusing on literacy and math skills for youths that have experienced learning loss and learning delays because of COVID-19. The match funds would be used with those agencies and schools that are already providing tutorial programming with certified teachers. The tutoring programs could be administered at the public schools or in an out-of-school program.

\$2,500,000 – Fire Station 111/Fire Headquarters Hardening and Renovation

The City of Delray Beach requests \$2,500,000 for hardening and renovation of Fire Station 111. This Fire Station was built in 1992, prior to the Miami-Dade Hurricane Building Code and does not meet the Category 5 rating. As a City facility that houses emergency responders during hurricanes, it is critical to provide a safe location to protect City assets including fire apparatus and personnel. The facility also serves as Fire Headquarters containing offices for Fire Administration, Fire Safety/Prevention, and Training Division. This facility is also in need of renovation and technology upgrades to meet not only today's challenges but also those of the future.

\$3,500,000 – Fire Stations 112, 115 Hardening and Renovation

The City of Delray Beach requests \$3,500,000 for hardening and renovation of Fire Stations 112 and 115. These Fire Stations were built in 1992, prior to the Miami-Dade Hurricane Building Code and do not meet the Category 5 rating. As a City facility that houses emergency responders during hurricanes, it is critical to provide a safe location to protect City assets including fire apparatus and personnel. These facilities are also in need of renovation and technology upgrades to meet not only today's challenges but also those of the future.



\$5,000,000 – Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

The City of Delray Beach requests \$5,000,000 for the construction of an emergency operations center (EOC). The City's current EOC relies on renting space at a local hotel that is a modern, Category 5 Hurricane rated building with full generator power for the structure. This has been a temporary solution to a permanent problem. The city needs a standalone EOC that is located geographically out of the flood surge zones in the eastern part of the city.

\$486,250 – Owens Baker Water Storage Tank Improvements

The Owens Baker finished water storage tank is part of City of the Delray Beach Utilities treatment and distribution infrastructure. This tank needs improvements to avoid water quality degradation and ensure immediate access to this water during high water demand periods. The project includes the addition of a mixer to avoid water stratification in the tank, as well as piping and control improvements that will result in energy savings, provide a way for proper dosing of chemicals and accurate measurement of flow in and out of the tank.

\$250,000 – Forcemain Condition Assessment

City of Delray Beach Utilities recently completed a near-term, mid-term, and long-term desktop risk-based Asset Ranking and Condition Assessment of Wastewater Forcemains. This study concluded that a complete field condition assessment is required of the single forcemain taking sewage from the City to the treatment plant. This project is for the field condition assessment of a 2-mile-long 20-inch forcemain from Lift Station 50 to the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. It includes assessment of the structural integrity of the pipe, leaks and corrosion condition of the pipe.

\$500,000 – Sewer System Inflow/Infiltration Study

This project consists of an Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) assessment of the Delray Beach Utilities sewer system. To reduce the inflow and infiltration (I/I) rate of storm or ground water into the sewer system, the City must identify where the I/I may be entering the wastewater collection system. This additional water impacts the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. Once the area(s) are identified and the I/I for that specific area quantified, a repair plan can be developed to target the areas with most I/I influence. The return on investment will be highest in these areas.

\$100,000 – Water and Wastewater User Rate Study

A user rate study is needed to assess the appropriateness of the current water and sewer rates. The last user rate study was performed approximately 15 years ago. As part of the City's commitment to conserve water, this study will review methods to foment water conservation practices. In addition, this rate study will recommend best financial practices that will enable the City to implement preventive maintenance activities required in the short term as well as be



prepared for large capital improvement projects related to major renewal and replacement activities.

\$2,750,000 – SCADA System Improvements

The City's current Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system is between 15 to 20 years old and beyond its serviceable life. The SCADA system is used to monitor and operate systems that correspond to different areas, such as Lift Stations, Water Treatment Plant and Storage and Repumping facilities. Upgrading the system is required as repairs are difficult, and parts are becoming obsolete. This project will establish standards for equipment/software and implement the installation of a more reliable SCADA system in terms of both hardware and software.

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City of Delray Beach Summary of FY 2021 Legislative Priorities

The City of Delray Beach is aligned with the Palm Beach County League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities and supports legislation that that preserves municipal self-governance and recommends a moratorium on unfunded mandates of any kind during the 2021 Legislative Session. The City of Delray Beach requests that the State Legislature allow municipalities to focus on current requirements without added regulations or preempting home rule.

State of Florida COVID-19 Relief for Small Business

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation that provides direct aid to small businesses throughout Florida in the form of repayable loans and forgivable loans, not dissimilar from the different types of relief provided in the federal CARES Act. Palm Beach County small businesses have been decimated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The availability of such aid would protect local economies by giving struggling businesses the funds they need to remain open and hire back laid-off employees.

Capping App-Based Delivery Service Fees Charged to Restaurants

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation that caps the various fees charged to restaurants by app-based delivery services. Florida restaurants are already suffering financially because of the COVID-19 pandemic and can no longer sustain the excessive fees charged by delivery service application companies. It is becoming increasingly cost-prohibitive for many restaurants to partner with the few app-based delivery services that exist even though this is what the market demands. The Legislature should consider legislation that would curb the predatory practice of charging excessive fees and unfair profit sharing.

Polystyrene

Reducing the use of plastic materials requires different approaches, as Florida Statute restricts local government from regulating many of these materials. Plastic materials are reaching Florida waterways in unacceptable quantities. Plastic materials contribute to water quality degradation, damage to coastal habitats, and increased use of tax dollars to operate stormwater and wastewater infrastructure. It has been asserted by the State of Florida, that protecting coastal habitats is a high priority. If this is true, the plastic pollution issue must be addressed, as an environmental priority.

A response from the Florida Legislature regarding the FDEP Retail Bags Report, February 1, 2010, is long overdue. The Legislature should adopt the recommendations of this Report, as described in 403.7033 F.S. Continued inaction is not an acceptable way to address the harm caused by plastics being released into the environment.



The State's preemption of local regulation of polystyrene containers should be revisited. Considering that the FDEP Retail Bags Report does not address polystyrene, the State should not preempt local regulation of this material on local government-owned property. The City suggests a minor revision to Chapter 500.90 F.S., to clearly state the intent of this statute. The revision would add language stating that 500.90 F.S. is not subject to the restrictions described in 403.7033 F.S. and/or 403.708(9) F.S.

A broader repeal of 403.7033 and 403.708(9) F.S. should also be considered.

Sober Homes

The City of Delray Beach supports the Sober Homes Task Force, created in 2016, and their recommended statutory changes for the 2021 session.

Opioid/Substance Abuse

The City of Delray Beach supports policies that provide state appropriations for life saving interventions and medically assisted detoxification programs for those suffering from opioid addiction.

Beach Management

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation increasing beach management allocations to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund for beach preservation and repair.

Water Quality & Supply

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation addressing water quality and quantity issues that affect local communities' aquifers, surface waters and estuaries. The City supports efforts to maintain, revitalize and protect Palm Beach County's water quality.

Discharges to Surface Waters

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation that establishes reasonable timeframes for utilities to eliminate, to the extent possible in compliance with regulatory requirements and with specified exceptions, discharges to surface waters unless a utility demonstrates it is not environmentally, technically or economically feasible.

Housing, Homelessness & Community Development Block Grant Policy

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation that requires all monies from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund to be used only for Florida's affordable housing programs. The City also supports legislation maintaining dedicated housing trust funds for workforce housing, housing rehabilitation, economic development, and neighborhood and commercial revitalization,



with adequate verification safeguards that ensure grants will benefit the homeless and low to moderate-income families.

Short-Term Rentals (Vacation Rentals)

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation that repeals State pre-emption of the regulation of short-term/vacation rental properties in order to allow local governments to regulate such properties to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses.

Economic Development

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation advancing new economic incentives for distressed areas and providing increased flexibility for municipalities to enter into public-private partnership agreements.

Effective Growth Management & Annexation

The City of Delray Beach will continue to monitor the effects of growth management legislation and the changes to the state (involuntary) annexation statute and all opposing efforts that would undermine a local government's planning and zoning authority, including impact fees and transportation concurrency while protecting private property rights, and respecting municipal boundaries.

Community Redevelopment Agencies

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation to protect and improve municipalities' use of community redevelopment agencies to effectively carry out redevelopment and community revitalization in accordance with home rule.

Workforce Training

The City of Delray Beach supports the continued focus for state resources on obtaining flexibility for local workforce and career training at all education levels and subsequent job placement, with particular interest to meeting employment needs.

Local Business Tax

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation that protects local government rights to use local business tax revenue to provide services that the public want and need, including public infrastructure, public safety services and public transportation infrastructure.

Communications Service Tax

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation that protects the general revenues collected from the Communications Service Tax in a manner that is revenue neutral.



Sales Tax Fairness

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation to reform Florida's sales and use tax laws that apply to online/e-commerce sales from out-of-state retailers. Changes are needed to ensure in-state retailers are treated equitably.

Transportation

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation that will provide local governments with expanded revenue options and resources to finance critical infrastructure, maintenance and construction needs to meet the ever-changing transportation demands driven by dramatic population growth and new technology (autonomous vehicles) throughout Florida.

Pension Plans & Benefits

The City of Delray Beach supports legislation that affirms the home rule powers of municipalities to establish and fund municipal employee benefit levels, and specially provides comprehensive pension reform, disability presumption reform, and a mechanism for municipalities to revoke their election to participate in the Florida Retirement System.

State Funding for Educational Initiatives

The City of Delray Beach supports revisions to zoning requirements so that local jurisdictions have greater authority over the location and construction of educational facilities for local universities, state colleges, and Palm Beach County schools (including charter schools). The City also supports adequate funding for all state education mandates, including those related to student safety, mental health, and school security.



City of Delray Beach Parks & Recreation Department

Staff Contact: Samuel Metott, Director of Parks & Recreation

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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Pompey Park Improvements	Request: \$250,000

Location
Pompey Park 1101 NW 2 nd Street City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

The City of Delray Beach requests \$250,000 for a new playground and shade structure for Pompey Park. This location is a 17.5-acre park serving the surrounding residents in an economically depressed community. Numerous sports teams, recreation programs, the City's after school group and neighborhood families utilize the park and playground. Due to high use, the old playground feature needs to be replacement with one that incorporates a shade structure, providing sun safety to the participants.

Playgrounds have been proven to provide healthy development of children on social, emotional, cognitive, and physical levels. Children thrive while families and the community come together in this safe space. When outlets for free, spontaneous play are provided, the childhood obesity rate decreases. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the prevalence of obesity was 18% for ages 2-19 years old and affected about 13.7 million children and adolescents. It is more common among certain populations; Hispanics (25.8%) and non-Hispanic blacks (22%) than non-Hispanic whites at (14.1%). Socioeconomic status also has a factor in obesity showing a higher prevalence in lower income households.



Pompey Park is situated adjacent of one the City's most economically challenged corridors. According to data from the US Census Bureau over 14.1% of the City of Delray Beach's population is 18 years and under with a 11.7% in poverty level. Pompey Park is an essential gathering place for this community, and significant improvements to the park would greatly benefit the many who regularly visit.



City of Delray Parks & Recreation Department

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Pompey Park Community Pavilion	Request: \$125,000

Location
Pompey Park 1101 NW 2 nd Street City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

The City of Delray Beach requests \$125,000 for a new pavilion for Pompey Park. Pompey Park is a 17.5-acre park serving the surrounding residents in a Historic but economically challenged community. Over 150,000 visitors for youth sports, recreational programs, the City's after school group, seniors and neighborhood families utilize the park annually.

In 2017, Hurricane Irma downed the 30-year-old Ficus tree that was used as a gathering place and shelter for the community to watch the ball games and enjoy a social atmosphere.

A replacement pavilion that is adequate to shelter 80 or more people would be beneficial to the community and improve the quality of the park experience. It would serve as a location for community building, provide a shaded sun-safe covered gathering place with seating and allow caregivers to keep an eye on their families. This location will be nicely shaded in the evenings, extending the hours of usefulness and comfort for park patrons.

According to the Aim at Melanoma Foundation, approximately one in ten Floridians have been told they have skin cancer. In Florida, 17% of people reported having a sunburn within the last year, with adults 18-44 years old nearly twice as likely to have a sunburn (33%). According to



the Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS), Palm Beach county eclipses the statewide rate of melanoma diagnosis of 24.5 to 25.8 cases by 100k people from 2013-2017 data poll.

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City of Delray Beach Parks & Recreation Department

Staff Contact: Samuel Metott, Director of Parks & Recreation

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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Pompey Park Senior Programming	City funds: \$100,000 Match request: \$100,000

Location
Pompey Park 1101 NW 2 nd Street City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

Senior population activities & support programming: The City of Delray Beach requests \$100,000 for senior population activities & support programming, looking to connect the city's senior population with daytime activities & programs crafted specifically for them. Many experts agree that participation in these programs will combat boredom and isolation often experienced by older Americans. Now, more than ever our senior population is more susceptible than ever due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. With further resources, we can enhance our core services. Expanding cultural, educational, and socially driven field trips, promoting lifelong learning classes taught by professionals will ultimately improve overall quality of life. From Pompey Park Community Center, situated adjacent to one of the community's most economically depressed corridors, the City can provide recreational activities, computer classes, and health and nutrition advice to those that need it most. According to data from the US Census Bureau over 26% of The City of Delray Beach's population is 65 years and older.



City of Delray Parks & Recreation Department

Staff Contact: Samuel Metott, Director of Parks & Recreation

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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Pompey Park Baseball Bleachers Shade Protection	Request: \$80,000

Location
Pompey Park 1101 NW 2 nd Street City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

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Pompey Park is the home of the Delray Beach American Little League baseball program founded in 1971. The Delray Beach American Little League baseball program has introduced 1000s of players to the game of baseball including whites and Hispanics, but the players are predominantly African American. In a time where, according to the Society of American Baseball Research, the percentage of African Americans reaching the major leagues has



significantly declined for the last 25 plus years, the Delray Beach American Little League teaches the game to over 200 participants annually,

While at the park spectators, fans, and family members are sitting for hours, often in direct sunlight. The installation of baseball bleacher shade protection will shield them from the sun's harmful rays. Improving the overall experience for families will contribute the leagues ability to grow.

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City of Delray Beach Police Department

Staff Contact: Chief Javaro Sims

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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Delray Beach Police Department Mental Health Community Outreach Program	City funds: \$420,571 Match request: \$300,000

Location
City of Delray Beach, Florida - Applicable City-wide

Project Description

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City of Delray Beach Public Works Department

Staff Contact: Missie Barletto, Director of Public Works

239-707-2371

Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Phase 1	City funds: \$1,000,000 Match request: \$500,000

Location
Various Locations, City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

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City of Delray Beach Public Works Department

Staff Contact: Missie Barletto, Director of Public Works

239-707-2371

Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
American Legion Building Rehabilitation	City funds: \$400,000 Match request: \$400,000

Location
Various Locations, City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

The City of Delray Beach requests \$400,000 in matching funds to rehabilitate the American Legion Building located at 196 NW 8th Street in the City of Delray Beach. While not listed on either the national or local historic registers, this building was constructed by and utilized as the first American Legion center to serve an African American membership. Over the years the building has fallen into disrepair due to lack of maintenance and use. The total cost of this project is \$800,000 and would include the adaptive reuse of the facility to serve as a community service center.



City of Delray Beach Office of Education

Staff Contact: Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator

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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Summer Reading Packets Tutorial Programming VPK – 3 rd	Local funds: \$20,000 Match request: \$20,000

Location
City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

The City of Delray Beach is requesting \$20,000 in matching funds for distribution of summer reading packets to low-income children from voluntary pre-kindergarten (VPK) to 3rd grade attending a school located in the City of Delray Beach.

The City of Delray Beach requests \$20,000 matching funds to purchase summer reading packets to distribute to low-income children to help prevent summer reading slide. Currently the City and its non-profit partners raise approximately \$20,000 each year to purchase packets for VPK, Kindergarten and first grade students. The matching dollars will allow for the expansion of the successful program, purchasing packets for approximately 1,800 students attending VPK through 3rd grade. Prior to COVID, only 38% of Delray Beach students were proficient readers by 3rd grade, and 94% live in poverty. Those numbers have undoubtedly increased over the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and issues with distance learning.

The correlation of poverty to low academic achievement is based on indisputable research and documentation. Lack of parental involvement and access to literacy enrichment and reinforcement during the summer months compounds the problem. Children from low-income families lose as



much as three months of reading comprehension skills over the summer. By the end of fifth grade, they are nearly three grade levels behind their more affluent peers, and it is almost impossible to make up the lost ground. Packets were not able to be distributed to the students last summer as schools closed in March.

According to *Mckinsey & Company Research Firm*:

If distance learning is used versus in-class instruction until January 2021:

- All students will lose ground: 2-4 months of learning
- Low-income students will lose the most: more than 12 months (94% of students are in this category)
- Children of color will lose more learning than white children. Black students are likely to lose 10.3 months and Hispanic students 9.2 months and these losses will exacerbate existing achievement gaps by 15-20%

In the Delray Beach community, less than 50% of the students have selected to go back to school for in-class instruction which makes distribution of books for summer 2021 more important than ever to help overcome some of the learning loss.

The Summer Book Packets include 5 age-appropriate books (fiction and non-fiction), thinking sheets, a writing journal, colored pencils, and postcard. The elementary schools distribute the book packets to the students during the last week of school for the students to take home over the summer and provide instructions to the parents on how the packets and resources are to be used.

The City of Delray Beach has a unique Data Sharing Agreement with the School District of Palm Beach County to track students longitudinally and has been collecting summer reading data since 2012. The summer reading packets, along with other summer reading interventions, have proven to prevent summer reading slide and in some students made “significant” reading gains. This result is due in part to the large number of books that are distributed to low-income children over the summer.

The National Campaign for Grade Level Reading Network awarded the City a Pacesetter Honors for measurable progress for summer learning in 2014 and a Pacesetter Honors for collaboration and working cross-sectors and collection of data in 2016. In 2017, the City won the All-America City award from the Campaign for Grade Level Reading as we successfully created, implemented and managed programs that demonstrably increased 3rd grade reading proficiency. More than ever, the City needs the additional funding this summer to expand the number of book packets being distributed to the students and our data demonstrates it works.



City of Delray Beach Office of Education

Staff Contact: Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator

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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Learning Loss Recovery Tutorial Programming K-12 th	Local funds: \$80,000 Match request: \$80,000

Location
City of Delray Beach, Florida Various locations located throughout the City that service youths

Project Description

The City of Delray Beach requests \$80,000 for Learning Loss Recovery Tutorial Services. The City of Delray Beach requests \$80,000 matching funds for tutorial programming focusing on literacy and math skills for youths that have experienced learning loss and learning delays because of COVID-19.

The City of Delray Beach has approximately 4,000 students enrolled in the public school system, 90% of which are on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. The abrupt closing of schools, early childhood programs, and childcare centers to contain COVID-19 had serious consequence - student learning loss and learning delays, particularly those from low-income households. How severe the learning loss depends on the access to remote learning, quality of remote instruction, home support, and degree of engagement. Lack of access to reliable Wi-Fi connections has exacerbated connectivity and engagement issues with our local students.

National research shows that the pandemic's effect on schools has outpaced almost every tool used for reversing learning loss. However, there is emerging consensus that tutoring may provide



the best chance to meet the COVID-19 related challenges. The public schools cannot recover from the pandemic alone and without additional resources.

The \$80,000 would be used to match funds with those agencies and schools that are already providing tutorial programming with certified teachers. The tutoring programs could be administered at the public schools or in an out-of-school program including, but not limited to, the City's Park and Recreation youth program, Boys and Girls Club, Roots and Wings, Milagro Center, and Achievement Center for Children and Families.

The tutorials will be conducted both during the school day and in afterschool programs. Certified teachers will be paid the same rate as the School District of Palm Beach County which is approximately \$23 per hour. Sessions would range from half to full hour tutorials and to small groups such as 4-6 children at a time. Tutorials will be administered to those students most at risk of academic failure and early years K-3rd grade as this age group loses learning at a more rapid rate. The funding allocations will be distributed to those agencies that already have vetted programs in place and are ready to expand their existing programs to accommodate more students so the resources can be deployed quickly. The funding will also be allocated based on agencies with the greatest number of students at risk and/or were absent during the pandemic and have been identified by the District are at risk for academic failure. The District reported there are as many as 22,000 students that are in this risk category and undoubtedly many of those students reside in Delray Beach given our high number of kids that live in poverty.

The City of Delray Beach is unique as it employs a full-time Education Coordinator that has a strong relationship with the School District of Palm Beach County and local non-profit agencies. This position will monitor the programs, oversee the distribution of the funding, and collect data to ensure the programs are implemented with fidelity.



City of Delray Beach City Fire Rescue Department

Staff Contact: Kevin Green, Assistant Fire Chief

561-243-7412

Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Fire Station 111/Fire Headquarters Hardening and Renovation	Request: \$2,500,000

Location
501 W. Atlantic Ave. City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

This Fire Station was built in 1992, prior to the Miami-Dade Hurricane Building Code and does not meet the Category 5 rating. As a City facility that houses emergency responders during hurricanes, it is critical to provide a safe location to protect City assets including fire apparatus and personnel. The facility also serves as Fire Headquarters containing offices for Fire Administration, Fire Safety/Prevention, and Training Division. This facility is also in need of renovation and technology upgrades to meet not only today's challenges but also those of the future.

Renovate current facility to include all interior living areas used by the firefighters assigned to the fire station as well as the office space used by Fire Administration. Also included in the project is the resurfacing of the apparatus bay floor. In 2019, City Public Works and Engineering completed a report that includes recommendations for facility and site improvements. These include replacing all the concrete driveway areas surrounding the building, overhead apparatus bay doors with bi-fold doors as well as to bring the building up to a Category 5 Hurricane rating. Also, consideration of construction of additional square footage for office and meeting space in the existing courtyard area. Scope of work should also include of assessment of the facility by a space planner/architect.



The building was constructed in 1992 and does not meet current, modern building codes that are rated per the Miami-Dade County Risk Category 1. This makes the building and its function as a public safety asset a liability to the city and its citizens. Therefore, the building needs to be hardened to bring it up to the current building standards. There is also a need to modernize the technology and workflow of the building. The office space can be more efficiently used on the second floor of the building with a professional analysis and recommendation of repurposing. This can be followed with remodeling those identified areas and addition of office space in the property that comprises the courtyard on the South side of the building that fronts Atlantic Ave.

There is a need to make the crew living quarters on the first floor more gender neutral which makes better use of the available space. This would include remodeling the existing bathrooms into individual bathrooms with showers that allow for all members to use them. The current layout only has one bathroom for female members and the department has increased the female staffing over the past 30 years to be more reflective of the modern workforce.

The apparatus bay floor should be resurfaced and restored to a sealed epoxy finish to prevent the underlying concrete from vehicle effluent that occurs daily. The current bay floor coating was completed in a shoddy manner and not to commercial standards for a fire apparatus bay floor.

The bay doors should be replaced with Category 5 rated bi-fold doors to match the hardening of the station to Risk Category 1. This will allow for a greater integrity of the building and the investment of the apparatus that are housed in the bay.

Finally, the concrete aprons were evaluated and have been found to have multiple cracks through the entire thickness of the slab which would certainly cause upwelling with water saturation after a significant tropical event. There is a need to have the slabs removed and replaced with modern techniques that account for these problems and provide for a lasting surface on both sides of the station.



City of Delray Beach Fire Rescue Department

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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Fire Stations 112, 115 Hardening and Renovation	Request: \$3,500,000

Location
FS1112: 35 Andrews Ave. and FS115: 4000 Old Germantown Rd. City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

These buildings were built in the early 1990's and have never been renovated or brought up to current building standards. They have many areas of structural concern discovered during a post storm survey in 2019 to establish a baseline from which to work. Because of the coastal geographic location of Station 112, many of the metal structural components have signs of corrosion and therefore need to be addressed before the building is compromised. There is a need to harden the buildings to a Miami-Dade County Risk Category 1 standard. The buildings should have new Category 5 rated bi-fold doors for the apparatus bay as well as replacement of the windows and exterior doors. This would make the stations a safer location for the personnel and more energy efficient.

Currently Fire Station 112's emergency generator is not functional and needs to be replaced. Emergency power is supplied by a trailered system that is not rated to power the entire station and does not have an automatic transfer switch. There is a desperate need to have a new, energy efficient generator system installed that would run the entire station and have wiring replaced per the current codes.



The concrete and asphalt aprons on either side of Station 115 need replacement with more modern construction methods. The existing asphalt has been repaired multiple times and the substrate is insufficient to withstand the added weight of the modern fire apparatus being driven over it daily.

Bathroom facilities at both Fire Stations should be remodeled to make them more gender neutral and allow for more efficient use of the limited space on the third floor.

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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Emergency Operations Center	Request: \$5,000,000

Location
City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

The City's current EOC relies on renting space at a local hotel that is a modern, Category 5 Hurricane rated building with full generator power for the structure. This has been a temporary solution to a permanent problem. The city needs a standalone EOC that is located geographically out of the flood surge zones in the eastern part of the city. This facility should be of sufficient size to operate with a full staff in case there is a major tropical event, significant civil unrest, or any other perceived threat to the city's infrastructure.

The building should be constructed to the Miami-Dade County Risk Category 1 standards and be self-sufficient. It should be able to house the Incident Management Team for the city and have living facilities that provides sleeping, bathroom, and kitchen facilities for long running operations. There should be a robust, modern internet system that allows for real time data sharing with all entities in the city as well as county and state assets to facilitate efficient operational tempos. This would also include the purchase of the land.



City of Delray Utilities Department

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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Owens Baker Water Storage Tank Improvements	Enterprise fund: \$486,250 Match request: \$486,250

Location
City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

The Owens Baker finished water storage tank is part of City of the Delray Beach Utilities treatment and distribution infrastructure. This tank needs improvements to avoid water quality degradation and ensure immediate access to this water during high water demand periods. The project includes the addition of a mixer to avoid water stratification in the tank, as well as piping and control improvements that will result in energy savings, provide a way for proper dosing of chemicals and accurate measurement of flow in and out of the tank.



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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Forcemain Condition Assessment	Enterprise fund: \$250,000 Match request: \$250,000

Location
City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

The City of Delray Beach Utilities recently completed a near-term, mid-term, and long-term desktop risk-based Asset Ranking and Condition Assessment of Wastewater Forcemains. This study concluded that a complete field condition assessment is required of the single forcemain taking sewage from the City to the treatment plant. This project is for the field condition assessment of a 2-mile-long 20-inch forcemain from Lift Station 50 to the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. It includes assessment of the structural integrity of the pipe, leaks and corrosion condition of the pipe.



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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Sewer System Inflow/Infiltration Study	Request: \$500,000

Location
City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

This project consists of an Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) assessment of the Delray Beach Utilities sewer system. To reduce the inflow and infiltration (I/I) rate of storm or ground water into the sewer system, the City must identify where the I/I may be entering the wastewater collection system. This additional water impacts the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. Once the area(s) are identified and the I/I for that specific area quantified, a repair plan can be developed to target the areas with most I/I influence. The return on investment will be highest in these areas.



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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
Water and Wastewater User Rate Study	Enterprise fund: \$100,000 Match request: \$100,000

Location
City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

A user rate study is needed to assess the appropriateness of the current water and sewer rates. The last user rate study was performed approximately 15 years ago. As part of the City's commitment to conserve water, this study will review methods to foment water conservation practices. In addition, this rate study will recommend best financial practices that will enable the City to implement preventive maintenance activities required in the short term as well as be prepared for large capital improvement projects related to major renewal and replacement activities.



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Project Information Sheet

Project	Budget
SCADA System Improvements	Enterprise fund: \$2,750,000 Match request: \$2,750,000

Location
City of Delray Beach, Florida

Project Description

The City's current Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system is between 15 to 20 years old and beyond its serviceable life. The SCADA system is used to monitor and operate systems that correspond to different areas, such as Lift Stations, Water Treatment Plant and Storage and Repumping facilities. Upgrading the system is required as repairs are difficult, and parts are becoming obsolete. This project will establish standards for equipment/software and implement the installation of a more reliable SCADA system in terms of both hardware and software.