



# CITY OF CAPE CORAL 2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## HURRICANE IAN RECOVERY

Support legislation that provides funding to local municipalities impacted by Hurricane Ian for recovery, rebuilding and mitigation efforts.

The City requests the state legislature provide fiscal relief to local governments that experience revenue loss due to the catastrophic damage caused by Hurricane Ian. Revenue replacement ensures that Cape Coral and other jurisdictions have the necessary funding to address critical needs during disaster recovery.

## PROTECT HOME RULE AUTHORITY

The City of Cape Coral advocates for the protection of local home rule authority and opposes any legislation or policies that would impose unfunded responsibilities upon the City.

### → BUILDING PERMITS

To minimize administrative delays in issuing building permits support legislation that eliminates Florida Statutes 713.135(1) (d) provisions requiring municipal permit issuing agencies to verify, file, and provide a Notice of Commencement (NOC) when the NOC is recorded with the appropriate County.

### → ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Support initiatives that prevent harmful algal blooms (blue-green algae & red tide), which have a devastating effect on our wildlife, ecosystem, economy, and quality of life.

Protect our unique environment and investment in safe and reliable water, reuse water, and wastewater services.

### → ANNEXATION

Properties annexed into a municipality after January 1, 2020, should not be subject to an existing franchise agreement except as otherwise provided for in F.S. 171.062.

### → TRANSPORTATION

Support legislation that preserves local transportation planning control and provides equitable funding among municipalities. Focus on multi-modal transportation design, emphasizing enhanced safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

### → AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Support continued funding of affordable housing programs for persons with low and moderate incomes, including veterans, seniors, individuals with disabilities or special needs.

### → EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Support legislation exempting local governmental entities that provide advanced life support services from obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

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# APPROPRIATIONS FOR CAPE CORAL PROJECTS

## **Northeast Reservoir Water Transmission Main & Pump Station - \$8 million**

Regional water supply project capable of transferring 16 million gallons of water per day of excess surface water stored in a private reservoir in Charlotte County. This water will be transferred to Cape Coral's freshwater canal system during the dry season. Plans include the construction of a 4-mile-long water main and pump station.

The irrigation water keeps Cape Coral's reclaimed water fire hydrants pressurized during the dry season for fire protection purposes, is used for lawn irrigation by property owners, and helps to maintain the canal levels. Received \$1 million 2022 legislative session and \$500,000 2020 legislative session (\$12.4 million project cost)

## **Cape Coral Emergency Operations Center - \$15 million**

Funding requested for design and construction of a hardened Emergency Operations Center (EOC) capable of withstanding a Category 5 hurricane. The facility would serve the city's population of more than 200,000 residents before, during, and after disaster events. (\$35 million project)

## **Historic Caloosahatchee Shoreline Preservation Project - \$8 million**

Replacement of a deteriorating seawall, beach expansion and pier construction at the City's oldest community park on the Caloosahatchee River. The park was significantly damaged by Hurricane Ian. (\$30 million project cost)

## **Fire Station No. 10 Replacement with Safe Room - \$8 million**

The City of Cape Coral requests funds to build a replacement Fire Station No. 10. The fire department operates the existing station out of a single-family residential structure. Fire Station 10 is the only Cape Coral fire station not located in a Special Flood Hazard Area. The facility will house public safety, public works, and utilities personnel and equipment when evacuations are necessary from other fire stations located in vulnerable areas of the city. (\$15 million project cost)

## **Cape Coral Septic to Sewer Conversion/Utilities Extension Project - \$10 million**

Convert 7,300 parcels to sewer, install storm water infrastructure enhancements, and extend irrigation and potable water services to a portion of the city located adjacent to the Caloosahatchee Basin Management Action Plan area. This project reduces the harmful contaminants entering regional waterways and the number of private wells rapidly depleting water resources from shallow aquifers. (\$202.5 million project cost)

## **Cape Coral Storm Athletic Complex Redevelopment Project - \$725,000**

This project replaces a football playing field area with artificial turf and includes renovations to the locker room and concession building, scoreboard and playground replacement. The project will directly serve the youth in our community by providing athletic and outdoor recreation facilities in a residential area of the city. (\$925,000 project cost)

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