

City of Gainesville 2008 Federal Legislative Statement – Priority Recommendations

Priority Rank	Legislative Priority	Summary	Funding Request (Total - \$56,236,800)
Community Development Initiative			
1	Downtown Revitalization Project	The Downtown Revitalization Project consists of the Depot Regional Stormwater Project and the reconstruction of Depot Avenue. Project also includes the construction of an urban park around the stormwater ponds and feature a historic train depot, rail trail hub, skatepark, and amphitheater.	\$9.5 Million
Public Transportation Enhancement Initiative			
2	Regional Transit System Expansion and Replacement Buses	Expansion of the City's Regional Transit System (RTS) Administration Operations facility, construction of a Multi-Model Center due to demand and safety issues, and the replacement of buses eligible for retirement.	\$19 Million
3	Traffic Management System	Replacement of the City/County computerized traffic signal system. City growth and the availability of new traffic management technology have created a need for an updated system.	\$16 Million
Education Initiative			
4	Opening the Doors to Math and Science	This is a collaborative effort involving the City of Gainesville and the Alachua County School District. Funding will be used to aid underperforming students in the areas of science and math.	\$636,800
Housing Enhancement Initiative			
5	Southeast Gainesville Renaissance	Implement the acquisition, infrastructure improvements, pre-development and construction phases of the Southeast Gainesville Renaissance Initiative. The purpose is to eliminate slum and blight by encouraging mixed-income infill residential development in older neighborhoods in Southeast Gainesville.	\$8.3 Million
Homeless Housing and Services Initiative			
6	Homeless Housing and Services	Funds will be used to begin implementation of the City of Gainesville – Alachua County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.	\$2.8 Million