

CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
FY 2002 FEDERAL AGENDA

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Implement Ongoing Initiatives

1. *Downtown Revitalization Project*

The City requests \$20.7 Million in federal funding assistance for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The goal of this broadly developed, multi-faceted project is the revitalization of Downtown Gainesville. The Initiative is dependent on a master stormwater facility that has been planned as a landmark Stormwater Park that will not only serve as a functional stormwater management facility, but provide an urban park setting for Downtown and nearby residents, visitors and employees. The Stormwater Park will also function as a Rail Trail Hub to provide linkage of four primary existing and proposed rail trail systems. The Revitalization Initiative also includes the construction of the backbone of a reuse water system for irrigation of the park and the reconstruction of an enhanced Depot Avenue roadway from Williston Road to SW 13th Street.

2. *Public Transportation Acquisition Project*

The City continues to pursue \$5.5 million in federal assistance for bus acquisition. Our continued phenomenal growth in ridership and service demand creates a critical need for additional buses. No funds for bus purchases were allocated to Gainesville in the FY 2001 Appropriations Bill. The statewide earmark did reserve \$450,000 of the \$15.35 million total for systems without a specific allocation under the Florida Transit Association's formula.

3. *Public Safety Enhancement Project*

This \$4.8 Million project will facilitate communication between our urban area public safety agencies and professionals, establishing an innovative crime data gathering, reporting and training system that will include a Geographic Information System (GIS), interactive Internet/Intranet applications, Crime Mapping and automated reporting through the use of laptops computers.

Other Issues and Concerns

1. *Regional Emergency Preparedness Project*

The City seeks \$1 Million in federal funding assistance to enhance public safety and continuity of government under emergency and disaster conditions. The project's goal is to provide a coordinated and well-integrated multifaceted response. The project includes: 1) Satellite Government Centers (innovative nationally), 2) Critical Facilities Hardening, 3) Emergency Communications Vehicle and Mobile Communications Network, and 4) Emergency Information and Warning Systems.

2. *Museum Park Complex Project*

The City is examining the feasibility of a centrally sited multi-facility cluster of museums, including an African-American museum and a Children's Museum to be co-located within a museum park. A proposed site has been identified which already includes a building for Phase 1 of this project - the African-American Museum. The City is leading the initiative with participation from Alachua County, the School Board of Alachua County, community leaders and a major local corporate entity.

3. *Critical Services to Underserved Areas*

The City is concerned about the infrastructure needs of its older low-to-moderate income neighborhoods. Many of these neighborhoods lack paved roadways, curbs and gutters. These neighborhoods are predominately inhabited by minority citizens. The population includes disproportionately large percentages of children and youth, single-parent families and the elderly, whose quality of life is diminished by high crime and low employment prospects.