



CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES & FUNDING REQUESTS

The City of Gainesville will ENDORSE and SUPPORT legislation that will:

1. Promote improved water quality for our state and local communities
2. Preserve and/or enhance municipal home rule
3. Protect funding for Sadowski Housing Trust Fund initiatives
4. Bolster our City's existing universal broadband commitment
5. Support privacy provisions which safeguard the collection of sensitive public data information
6. Provide funding for the state's Job Growth Grant Fund and other workforce training opportunities
7. Earmark further local community relief in order to meet the ongoing COVID19 threat
8. Allocate recurring funds towards operations of a future local mental health central receiving facility
9. Allow virtual local government meetings during times of declared emergencies
10. Encourage evictions to be halted during natural disasters

The City of Gainesville will OPPOSE any legislation that will:

1. Restrict home rule
2. Limit local governments in virtually conducting both business and advisory meetings
3. Offset the role that local governments can exercise in setting their own zoning standards
4. Place preemptions or punitive measures against wastewater utilities
5. Negatively impact sovereign immunity, strip individual constitutional rights of lawful protest, and cause undue constraint, injury, or death due to upending safe, acceptable local policing protocols

The City of Gainesville will SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT for the following initiatives:

1. Police Violence Interrupters Program (\$230,000) - increase the number of trained interrupters who work with our partner organizations, DJJ, and DOC towards preventing and reducing gun violence
2. Septic-to-Sewer Conversions (\$200,000) - continue to expand upon the state's FY 20 matching commitment towards protection of our water quality and providing economic relief for our lower-income neighborhoods
3. Community Resource Paramedicine Program (\$325,000) – expand our Fire Department's innovative alternative medical and mental health intervention for our most disadvantaged and situationally challenged neighbors
4. Mobility Hub/Transfer Station (\$300,000) – help secure the property purchase for a new mobility hub/transfer station which will enhance access to various mobility services for lower-income neighbors on the Eastside of Gainesville

The City of Gainesville will SEEK ACTION on local traffic fatalities through the following:

1. Recommendation that FDOT assign responsibility to the City for a) State Road 26 from E. 15th Street to W. 22nd Street and b) US Highway 441 from N. 16th Avenue to S. 16th Avenue with funding support towards the redesign, further planning, and maintenance of these areas
2. Request of FDOT to invest in additional traffic safety measures while new corridor concepts are developed for State Road 26 and US Highway 441
3. Creation of a statewide coalition with other concerned municipalities and stakeholders to advocate for further state assistance in preventing recurrence of avoidable traffic-related fatalities