



Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.

How to Attend:	In Person:	Hardee County Board of County Commissioners County Commission Chambers 412 W Orange Street, Room 103 Wauchula, FL 33873
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Call To Order

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Appointment of Chair Pro Tem
- Roll Call
- Announcements

1) Opportunity for Public Comments

2) Council Administration

- A) Approval of Minutes
- B) February 2024 Financial Report

Actions Requested:	Approval by Council
Exhibits:	#2A: February 14, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes - pg. 55 #2B: February 2024 Financial Report - pg. 99pg. 9

3) Hardee County Activities Report

Terry Atchley, Hardee County Manager, has been invited to update the Council on current activities in Hardee County.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	None

4) Certificate of Appreciation

A Certificate will be presented to Charles "Buck" MacLaughlin, Ret. Lt. Col., USAF, Avon Park Air Force Range Operations Officer, to express CFRPC appreciation for the tour of the Air Force Range following the February 14, 2024 CFRPC meeting.

Actions Requested:	Approve and Present the Certificate of Appreciation
Exhibit:	#4: Certificate of Appreciation

5) Military Installation Resilience Review and Compatible Use Plan for the Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR)

CFRPC staff is working with the Avon Park Air Force Range and the communities surrounding the installation to prepare a MIRR and complete a Compatible Use Plan. Staff will provide an update on these efforts.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#5: APAFR Overview - pg. 13

6) FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants and Competitive Florida Partnership Grants

FloridaCommerce is anticipated to announce funding availability for both FY 2024-2025 Community Planning Technical Assistance and Competitive Florida Grants. Staff will provide an overview of these opportunities. Resolutions are included to authorize the submission of grant applications.

Actions Requested:	Approve each Resolution
Exhibits:	#6A: Resolution 2024-4A - pg. 7g. 19 #6B: Resolution 2024-4B - pg. 19pg. 1

7) Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Continuing Consultant Services

The CFRPC may require the services of several consultants to work under a continuing services agreement on various projects. Staff issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), reviewed and scored the submittals, and has recommended firms to retain. Work is not guaranteed under these contracts, but allows staff the ability to procure certain services if necessary, within project budget constraints. The CFRPC is requested to approve the list of consultants and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute the contracts.

Actions Requested:	Approve list of Consultants for Continuing Services Agreements, Authorize Executive Director to negotiate and execute contracts.
Exhibits:	See agenda summary sheet for this item

8) Heartland Regional Safety Action Plan Update and Demonstration Grant

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. CFRPC staff will provide an update on the SS4A Safety Action Plan development and findings. The Council is requested to authorize the Executive Director to request additional funding from the Federal Highway Administration to conduct demonstration activities that inform the safety action plan.

Action Requested:	Authorize the Executive Director to submit a request to the Federal Highway Administration to conduct demonstration activities.
Exhibits:	None

9) Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Activities

Staff will brief the Council on activities of the six-county Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) and other transportation issues.

Actions Requested:	Information only
Exhibits:	None

10) Executive Director’s Report

The Executive Director will report on the legislative session, Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) activities, Council programs, and plans for the celebration of 50 years of CFRPC service to the region.

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibits:	#10A: FRCA Monthly Activities Report - pg. 23 #10B: FRCA Legislative Bill List - pg. 25

11) Updates and Announcements from Local Governments and Agencies

CFRPC Board members including Ex-Officio Members will have the opportunity to share updates and activities from their communities and agencies.

12) Next Meeting and Other Business

- A) Next Meeting: **Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 9:30 am, at the Polk County History Center, 100 East Main Street, Bartow, FL 33830 – Celebrating 50 Years of CFRPC Service**
- B) Other Business

13) Adjourn

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, income, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the CFRPC Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Brenda Torres, 863-534-7130, or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by email: btorres@cfrpc.org

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Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.

Exhibit #2A

Avon Park Community Center
West Main Street 300
Avon Park, FL 33825

Chair Nathaniel Birdsong called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Council Attorney Norman White led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Norman White swore in new Council Member Stephanie Madden, City of Lakeland Commissioner.

Roll was called and the following Council Members were in attendance:

Chair Nathaniel Birdsong, City of Winter Haven Mayor
Vice Chair Donna Howerton, Highlands County Gubernatorial Appointee
Councilman Keith Keene, City of Arcadia Deputy Mayor
Commissioner Kelly Owens, Okeechobee County
Robert “Jeff” Kincart, Polk County Gubernatorial Appointee
Councilman Noel Chandler, City of Okeechobee
Commissioner Stephanie Madden, City of Lakeland
Commissioner Neda Cobb, City of Wauchula Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilman Harrison Havery, City of Sebring
Commissioner Don Elwell, Highlands County
John Bohde, Polk County, Ex-Officio
Cindy Rodriguez, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Ex-Officio
Brook Heck, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

A quorum of members was present.

1) Opportunity for Public Comments

No public comments.

2) Council Administration

A) Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by: Kelly Owens
- The motion was seconded by: Donna Howerton
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B) Approval of the December 2023 Financial Report

- A motion was made by: Keith Keene
- The motion was seconded by: Don Elwell
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3) City of Avon Park Activities Report

Avon Park City Manager Mark Schrader provided an update on current activities in the City of Avon Park and provided an overview of the city’s continued increased development and growth.



4) Connecting Central Florida Manufacturing and Emergency Preparedness Project Kickoff

CFRPC Emergency Management and Community Projects Director Curtis Knowles reviewed the Connecting Central Florida Manufacturing and Emergency Preparedness Project funded through a FY 23-24 Florida Commerce Community Planning Technical Assistance grant. Curtis explained the key components of the grant includes partnership and informational materials and the implementation framework “Connex Florida” to be used by FloridaMakes, manufacturers, and the emergency preparedness community to integrate the utilization of disaster response scenarios.

5) Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) Activities

CFRPC Transportation Director Marybeth Soderstrom presented information on transportation applications. Marybeth also briefed the Council on the upcoming transportation bills being considered by the Florida Legislature.

6) Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Project Update

CFRPC Emergency Management and Community Projects Director Curtis Knowles provided an update on the CDBG-MIT grant project which includes a collaborative approach among many six of Florida’s Regional Planning Councils in resilience planning and GIS flood assessment modeling.

7) Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilient Florida Vulnerability Assessments Grants Update

This item was moved to a future Council meeting.

8) Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Resilience Project Grant

CFRPC Executive Director Jennifer Codo-Salisbury reviewed the FDEP Resilience Project Grant Scope of Work which will include the identification and verification of regionally significant assets included in the Comprehensive Statewide Flood Vulnerability and Sea Level Rise Data Set.

Approval to authorize the Executive Director to execute FDEP agreement and administer FDEP Grant.

- A motion was made by: Kelly Owens
- The motion was seconded by: Keith Keene
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

9) Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) and Compatible Use Plan for Avon Park Air Force Range

CFRPC Executive Director Jennifer Codo-Salisbury gave a brief overview of the MIRR and update on the Compatible Use Plan for Avon Park Air Force Range. The MIRR project kicked off in January and is ongoing. The Council will be briefed as this project continues.

10) Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) Mission Brief

Charles “Buck” MacLaughlin, Ret. Lt. Col., USAF, APAFR Range Operations Officer, briefed the Council about the mission of the APAFR and discussed safety protocols for the Tour of the installation immediately following the Council meeting. The APAFR serves all branches of the armed forces.

The APAFR, the largest primary training range east of the Mississippi River, provides:

- World-class training for all branches of the Armed Forces;
- Approximately 106,000 acres as a daytime and nighttime training range;
- Flexible training environment and facilities; and
- Uncontrolled airfield in restricted airspace.



11) Report on the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) January Policy Board Meeting & FRCA Annual Report

This item was moved to a future Council meeting.

12) Executive Director's Report

This item was moved to a future Council meeting.

13) Next Meeting and Other Business

A) Next Meeting: April 10, 2024, 9:30 am, at the Hardee County Commission Chambers, 412 W Orange Street, Room 103, Wauchula, FL 33873.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel Birdsong, Chair

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CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FY 2023-2024
For the Month Ended February 29, 2024

Exhibit #2B

UNAUDITED

February = 42%

		<u>ACCRUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>ACCRUAL</u>
		<u>February 2024</u>	<u>February 2024</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE INCOME					
1	Use of Prior Year Surplus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
2	Member Assessments	179,968	179,968	359,935	50%
3	Local Revenue	353,975	375,025	1,712,250	21%
4	State Revenue	246,829	177,436	512,515	48%
5	Federal Revenue	967,381	1,514,328	3,390,431	29%
6	TOTAL INCOME	1,748,152	2,246,756	5,975,131	29%
7 EXPENSE					
8	Salaries & Fringe Benefits	1,025,448	1,025,448	3,215,831	32%
9	Consultants	51,242	72,247	662,200	8%
10	Transportation for the Disadvantaged Trips	489,361	980,017	1,568,000	31%
12	Accounting/Payroll Services	1,489	1,489	2,500	60%
13	Advertising	6,822	5,236	15,000	45%
14	Audit	33,600	33,600	34,500	97%
15	Auto Expense	4,822	5,280	15,000	32%
16	Building Security	378	193	1,600	24%
17	Dues & Fees	17,475	18,039	55,000	32%
18	Equipment Expense	2,657	2,861	9,000	30%
19	File Management	-	-	-	0%
20	Insurance	24,170	23,994	40,000	60%
21	Janitorial/Maintenance	5,468	5,936	15,500	35%
22	Legal Fees	15,285	15,285	37,500	41%
23	Meeting Expense	1,266	1,295	15,000	8%
24	Miscellaneous	-	120	1,000	0%
25	Office Supplies	5,263	5,536	15,000	35%
26	Postage & Delivery	661	661	5,000	13%
27	Printing	1,306	1,228	7,500	17%
28	Repair & Maintenance	6,868	8,122	15,000	46%
29	Technology Supplies	14,369	14,971	60,000	24%
30	Telephone	7,062	6,978	20,000	35%
31	Travel & Registration Fees	23,109	27,704	70,000	33%
32	Utilities	2,465	3,780	15,000	16%
33	Capital Outlay - Office & Technology	5,337	5,337	55,000	10%
34	Capital Outlay - Vehicle	-	-	-	0%
34	Capital Outlay - TD Vehicle	-	-	-	0%
35	Capital Outlay - Building	-	-	25,000	0%
36	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 1,745,924	\$ 2,265,357	\$ 5,975,131	29%
37					
38	INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE	\$ 2,228	\$ (18,601)	\$ -	

CASH ON HAND 02/29/2024

Checking Account + Petty Cash	\$	276,586
Cash Held in Reserve:		
Money Market Account	\$	276,158
Local Govt Investment Pool	\$	10,245
Total Cash	\$	562,989

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
February 29, 2024

	<u><u>UNAUDITED</u></u>	<u><u>ACCRUAL</u></u>
	ASSETS	
1	Cash	\$ 276,586
2	Petty Cash	15
3	Accounts Receivable	631,250
4	Unbilled Costs	453,033
5	Prepaid Expenses	32,995
6	Fixed Assets	1,022,232
7	Funds Held in Reserve	286,403
8		
9	TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 2,702,514</u></u>
10		
11	LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
12		
13	Liabilities	
14	Accounts Payable	\$ 312,678
15	Compensated Absences Liability	156,931
16	Deferred Revenue	40,062
17	Total Liabilities	<u>509,671</u>
18		
19	Fund Balance	2,192,843
20		
21	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 2,702,514</u></u>

Agenda Item #5
**Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) and Compatible Use Plan
Avon Park Air Force Range**

Actions Requested:	Information Only
Exhibit:	#5: APAFR Overview

Background: In August 2023, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council was awarded a grant from the US Department of Defense, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation to support a Military Installation Resiliency Review (MIRR) project for the Avon Park Air Force Range in the amount of \$462,915, to be completed by January 2025.

This project integrates critical military and community resilience concerns into the strategies, plans, and investments of surrounding municipalities to foster, protect, and create a resilient future that considers the unique contributions of the Avon Park Air Force Range. This project will be led by the CFRPC, building upon our strong relationships with Range personnel, military leadership, municipal and county governments, economic development organizations, Sentinel Landscape partners, and the State of Florida.

With collaboration from key stakeholders, the Project Team will:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of present and forecasted natural and man-made threats and vulnerabilities;
- Perform table-top exercises with local military and community (public and private) leadership to review capacities of hard infrastructure such as transportation networks, electricity, communications, and water supply, and the public services necessary to respond to natural and/or man-made disruptions.
- Develop community partnerships;
- Model impacts from potential threats and geospatial mapping; and
- Develop a Cost-benefit analysis of implementation options.

Staff will provide a project update.

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Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) Overview

Exhibit #5

Background: Charles “Buck” MacLaughlin, APAFR Range Operations Officer, will provide a Mission Brief of operations at the Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) in preparation for the optional tour following the Council Meeting.

The APAFR occupies an area of approximately 165 square miles in central Florida. All branches of the armed forces use the APAFR for military training. The Air Force and Navy perform live bombing missions, and the Army National Guard conducts artillery exercises. The restricted airspace extends beyond the APAFR to the north and south. Low lever-training flights extend beyond restricted airspace.



The APAFR, the largest primary training range east of the Mississippi River, provides:

- World-class training for all branches of the Armed Forces;
- Approximately 106,000 acres as a daytime and nighttime training range;
- Flexible training environment and facilities; and
- Uncontrolled airfield in restricted airspace.

The APAFR's operation impacts seven jurisdictions. Located in southeastern Polk County (1) and northeastern Highlands County (2), the APAFR is situated in Florida's heartland between two rapidly growing coastal populations to the south of the Orlando Metropolitan Area. The APAFR also borders Okeechobee County (3), and its operations impact Osceola County (4). The communities of Avon Park (5), Frostproof (6), and Sebring (7) are the closest municipalities.

Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) Overview

The effects of encroachment created by new and proposed residential, commercial, and industrial uses threaten the future viability of the APAFR. These encroachments may hamper the APAFR's ability to carry out crucial combat training functions and negatively impact the value of the military installation.



Managing actual and potential encroachment is critical to the operations and viability of the APAFR and the quality of life for the residents of surrounding areas. Osceola County has experience the most significant growth with a 58.16% increase in population between 2010 and 2022. Polk County's population increased by 27.89% between that same time frame.

APAFR Study Area Population Trends – 2010 to 2022

	2010	April 1, 2022	% Change 2010-2022
Highlands County	98,786	103,102	4.37%
Avon Park	8,836	9,769	10.56
Sebring	10,491	11,361	8.29%
Okeechobee County	39,996	39,385	-1.53%
Osceola County	268,685	424,946	58.16%
Polk County	602,095	770,019	27.89%
Frostproof	2,992	2,998	0.20%

Source: US Census, American Community Survey, Bureau of Economic and Business Research

Growth projections within the study area indicate continued increases between 2021 and 2045.

Agenda Item #
**FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants and
 Competitive Florida Grants**

Actions Requested:	Approve each Resolution
Exhibits:	#6A: Resolution 2024-4A #6B: Resolution 2024-4B

Background: FloridaCommerce anticipates two funding announcements: 1) Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants; and 2) Competitive Florida Partnership Program Grants for state fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025.

1) Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) Grants– Application Due Date to be Announced

FloridaCommerce is anticipated to announce potential funding and grant cycle for CPTA Grants for FY 2024-2025. CPTA Grants provide counties, municipalities, and regional planning councils the opportunity to create innovative plans and development strategies to promote a diverse economy, vibrant rural and suburban areas and meet statutory requirements for planning, while protecting environmentally sensitive areas.

Anticipated Grant Period: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

Typical Award Range: Up to \$75,000, but award amounts may vary and may be greater. Grants are provided on a Cost Reimbursement basis.

2) Competitive Florida Partnership Grants– Application Due Date to be Announced

FloridaCommerce is anticipated to announce potential funding and grant cycle to assist local governments pursuing asset-based economic development through innovative planning and development strategies. FloridaCommerce is anticipated to offer grant funding and technical assistance to help communities plan for and implement an economic development strategy using the Competitive Florida Partnership model. For more information on this model visit the Florida Competitive Partnership page. It is anticipated that FloridaCommerce will be soliciting partnership grant requests for state fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025.

Grant Period: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

Typical Award Range: \$25,000 to \$40,000, but award amounts may vary. Grants are on a Cost Reimbursement basis.

Project Types: Partnered with FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida staff, the community may undertake an asset-based, community-driven approach to writing an economic development strategy. Extensive planning and economic development assistance is provided by FloridaCommerce throughout the year.

Agenda Item #
**FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants and
Competitive Florida Grants**

These resolutions will allow Council staff to submit applications to FloridaCommerce.

- **Resolution 2024-4A**
Authorizes CFRPC Executive Director to apply for, execute and administer a Fiscal Year 2024-2025 FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to assist local governments in the Heartland.

- **Resolution 2024-4B**
Authorizes CFRPC Executive Director to apply for, execute, and administer a Fiscal Year 2024-2025 FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida Partnership Grant to facilitate an asset-based, community-driven approach to prepare an economic development strategy and disaster resiliency plan.

For assistance in applying for a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant or Competitive Florida Partnership Grant, please contact Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, jcodosalisbury@cfrpc.org, (863) 534-7130 ext. 178.



RESOLUTION 2024-4A

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A FLORIDACOMMERCE COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE HEARTLAND.

WHEREAS, FloridaCommerce is accepting applications for the FY 2024-2025 Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant; and

WHEREAS, eligible projects shall generally relate to community planning and economic development strategies that implement requirements of the Community Planning Act; and

WHEREAS, applicants are encouraged to seek funding for innovative, creative or unique approaches to planning and development; and

WHEREAS, communities in the Heartland will benefit from a project to address planning trends from a regional perspective; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:

- Authorizes CFRPC Executive Director to apply for, execute and administer a Fiscal Year 2024-2025 FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant to assist local governments in the Heartland.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

By: _____
Nathaniel Birdsong, Chair

ATTEST: _____

COUNCIL ATTORNEY: _____

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RESOLUTION 2024-4B

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A FLORIDACOMMERCE COMPETITIVE FLORIDA PARTNERSHIP GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Competitive Florida Partnership Grant program allows communities to undertake an asset-based, community-driven approach to writing an economic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, through the Competitive Florida Partnership Grant, an economic development strategy may be written which identifies assets in communities and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, through the Competitive Florida Partnership Grant, a disaster resiliency plan is also prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council will facilitate an asset-based, community-driven approach to prepare an economic strategy and disaster resiliency plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL:

- Authorizes CFRPC Executive Director to apply for, execute, and administer a Fiscal Year 2024-2025 FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida Partnership Grant to facilitate an asset-based, community-driven approach to prepare an economic development strategy and disaster resiliency plan.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

By: _____
Nathaniel Birdsong, Chair

ATTEST: _____

COUNCIL ATTORNEY: _____

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Agenda Item #7
Request for Qualifications: Continuing Consultants

Actions Requested:	Approve Staff recommendations and authorize Executive Director to negotiate and execute contract with firms for Continuing Services.
Exhibits:	None

Background: In February 2024, the Central Florida Regional Planning Council released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Continuing Services.

Areas of expertise potentially needed for the services of consultants include: general planning, transportation, resiliency, vulnerability assessments, engineering, brownfields, GIS (geographic information systems), emergency management training exercises, and SQG (small quantity generator of hazardous waste) inspections.

Staff has reviewed the submittals and compiled a list of highly ranked firms for various disciplines.

The firms are listed below for Council's approval.

- Halff
- Tetra Tech
- Taylor Engineering
- Trans4Mind
- EnSafe
- Kimley-Horn
- A-C-T
- Advanced Planning Consultants
- High Tide
- Balmoral Group

The selected firms will be awarded a three-year contract with the CFRPC with an option for yearly extensions. There is no guarantee of work under these contracts and any work assigned will be dependent upon specific need and budget constraints. Assigned work will be through Task Assignments.

CFRPC projects may also require separate procurement processes which would not be applicable to the Continuing Services contracts.

Staff requests the Council approve Staff recommendations and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute contracts for continuing services.

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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT: February 2024

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT/CAPACITY BUILDING and OUTREACH

- Composed and distributed the January *FRCA Forward Newsletter*, collected articles for the February newsletter.
- Updated and maintained the email listserv for approximately 2,350 individuals who receive *FRCA Forward*.
- To enhance partnerships and strengthen the relationship between regional planning councils and their state and federal partners, organized, participated in or attended the following meetings and shared information:
 - Quarterly Resilience Forum hosted by the Department of Environmental Protection,
 - Quarterly Economic Development Administration and RPCs meeting,
 - Quarterly RPC Finance Working Group meeting,
 - RPC GIS coordination meeting,
 - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Coordination Meetings hosted by The Nature Conservancy, and;
 - Florida Resilience Collaborative Coordinators Forum.

ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

- Prepared for the March FRCA Executive Directors Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting.
- Developed and distributed the 2024 FRCA Bill Report weekly.
- Continued development of Articles of Incorporation for the Association.
- Attended the Southwest Florida RPC meeting.
- Continued to coordinate logistics for the 2024 meeting and conference schedule.
- Shared, grant opportunities and information of interest from local, state and national organizations.

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FRCA Final Bill Report

The 2024 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature ended on March 8, 2024. Below is a list of bills that were tracked during session:

HB 141 – Regional Rural Development Grants (Abbott)

Economic Development: Removes requirement that certain grants received by regional economic development organization must be matched in certain manner; removes certain demonstration requirements of program applicants; removes requirement that interest be deposited in specified manner; provides that specified earnings may be retained & used to make specified awards or for administrative costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Bill Summary: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/billsummaries/2024/html/3264>

HB 287 Transportation (Esposito)

Transportation: limiting the amount of certain revenues in the State Transportation Trust Fund which the Department of Transportation may annually commit to public transit projects; revising provisions relating to a traffic and revenue study provided by a private entity; requiring the department to notify the Division of Bond Finance before entering into an interim or comprehensive agreement; etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Bill Summary: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/billsummaries/2024/html/3495>

HB 0433 (Esposito) Substituted for SB 1492 - Employment Regulations (Trumbull)

Summary - Prohibiting a political subdivision from requiring employers to meet or provide heat exposure requirements beyond those required by law; prohibiting a political subdivision from giving preference to or considering or seeking information from an employer in a competitive solicitation based on or relating to an employer's heat exposure requirements, etc

Bill Summary: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/BillSummaries/2024/html/3451>

HB 1239 Affordable Housing (Lopez) – Substituted for SB 328

Affordable Housing: Prohibits counties & municipalities from restricting floor area ratio; authorizes counties & municipalities to restrict height; prohibits counties & municipalities from using public hearings or any other quasi-judicial board or reviewing body to approve proposed development; prohibits counties & municipalities from restricting maximum lot size below specified size; requires counties & municipalities to maintain certain policy on their websites; requires counties & municipalities to reduce parking requirements; provides requirements for developments located within transit-oriented development or area; prohibits review or approval by county or municipality of application for development permit or order from being conditioned upon waiver, forbearance, or

abandonment of any development right. Effective Date: upon becoming a law.

Bill Summary: none available

[SB 1380 Transportation Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Transportation Disadvantaged \(Hutson\)](#)

Transportation Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Transportation Disadvantaged; Revising duties of the Department of Transportation, within specified resources, with respect to required provisions of grants and agreements with entities providing paratransit services; defining the term “transportation service provider”; providing requirements for paratransit service contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2024; requiring the commission to establish model procedures for transportation service providers to receive and investigate reports related to adverse incidents, etc.

Bill Summary: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/BillSummaries/2024/html/3473>

[SB 1420 Department of Commerce \(Burgess\)](#)

Providing that amendments are deemed withdrawn if the local government fails to transmit the comprehensive plan amendments to the department, in its role as the state land planning agency, within a certain time period; revising the duties of the Florida Sports Foundation; requiring the department to establish a direct-support organization; specifying that the organization is a direct-support organization of the department and a corporation not for profit; authorizing the organization to take certain actions regarding administration of property and expenditures, etc.

Bill Summary: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/billsummaries/2024/html/3444>

[HB 1557 Department of Environmental Protection \(Chaney\)](#)

Department of Environmental Protection: Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions under jurisdiction of DEP relating to aquatic preserves; preservation & regeneration of seagrass; Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area; use of reclaimed water; Resilient Florida Grant Program; comprehensive statewide flood vulnerability & sea level rise data set & assessment; Statewide Flooding & Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan; regional planning councils & estuary partnerships; transfer of regulation of Onsite Sewage Program from DOH to DEP; domestic wastewater treatment facilities; & basin management action plans. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Bill Summary: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/billsummaries/2024/html/3530>

Bills that did not pass:

[SB 298 – Saltwater Intrusion Vulnerability Assessment \(Polsky\)](#)

Summary - Providing that only coastal counties and coastal municipalities that received written authorization from the Department of Environmental Protection on or before a specified date may establish construction zoning and building code exceptions to coastal construction control lines; authorizing the department to provide coastal counties, beginning on a specified date, with Resilient

Florida Grant Program grants to fund saltwater intrusion vulnerability assessments, etc. Requires 50% cost share for counties with populations over 50,000. Eligible recipients are cities, counties and water management districts.

Last Action:

SB 298 – Died in Messages

SB 438 – Term Limits (Ingoglia)

Summary – Establishing term limits for county commissioners; prohibiting specified persons from seeking certain offices until after a specified timeframe, etc.

Last Action:

SB 438 – Died on Calendar

SB 894 Governing Body Meetings (Bradley)

Summary - Authorizing governing bodies of municipalities to convene meetings and conduct official business via teleconferencing or other technological means if certain conditions are met; providing limitations on such meetings; providing that certain limitations placed on such meetings may be suspended by the Governor, for a specified timeframe, upon a declared state of emergency impacting the municipality in which the meeting would occur, etc

Last Action:

SB 894 – Died In Rules

SB 1032 Transportation (Gruters)

Summary - Deleting provisions related to appointment, powers, and duties of the Florida Transportation Commission; prohibiting the designation of additional metropolitan planning organizations (M.P.O.'s) after a specified date, with an exception for certain urbanized areas; requiring each M.P.O. to report its quality performance score annually to the district secretary and to publish the score on its website, beginning on a specified date; requiring M.P.O.'s that do not achieve the minimum acceptable quality performance score within a certain timeframe to be placed under the control of the Secretary of Transportation, etc.

Last Action:

SB 1032 - Died In Appropriations

SB 1110 Land Development (DiCeglie)

Summary - Revising the scope of power and responsibility of municipalities and counties under the Community Planning Act; revising exceptions from provisions governing credits against local impact fees; revising procedures regarding local government review of changes to previously approved developments of regional impact; authorizing changes to multimodal pathways, or the substitution of such pathways, in previously approved developments of regional impact if certain conditions are met, etc.

Last Action:

SB 1110 – Died in Community Affairs

[HB 1177 \(Duggan\)](#) (identical) – Died on 2nd Reading Calendar

[SB 1184 Land Use and Development Regulations \(Ingoglia\)](#)

Summary - Revising the types of data upon which comprehensive plans and plan amendments must be based; requiring that future land use plans be based on data that includes elements related to the amount of land required to accommodate anticipated growth for specified types of development and the amount of certain land located outside of urban service areas; requiring local land development regulations to establish minimum lot sizes in certain districts and infill development standards for specified housing units, etc.

Last Action:

SB 1184 – Died in Community Affairs

[SB 1506 Strategic Infrastructure Investment Plan \(DiCeglie\)](#)

Summary - Requiring the Department of Transportation to develop a strategic infrastructure investment plan to address freight mobility infrastructure; requiring the department to coordinate with certain stakeholders to develop the plan; requiring the department to complete an assessment of certain factors and to consider the findings of the assessment in developing the plan; authorizing the department to expend moneys from the State Transportation Trust Fund to pay the cost of any projects identified in the strategic infrastructure investment plan, etc (Mentions RPCs directly as a partner in the development of the strategic infrastructure investment plan)

Last Action:

SB 1506 – Died in Transportation

Also monitoring Senate and related House Bills – None of the following bills passed

[SB 452](#) & HB 451 Land Acquisition Trust Fund – Heartland Headwaters

Summary - Provides annual appropriation to DEP to implement Heartland Headwaters Protection & Sustainability Act; requires funds to be used & distributed for specified purposes.

[SB 566 Land Acquisition Trust Fund – Florida Keys](#)

Summary - Requiring an annual appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection to implement the Florida Keys Stewardship Act or to acquire land within the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern for specified purposes; prohibiting the department from using the appropriated funds to implement wastewater management projects or programs, etc.

[SB 1258](#) & HB 1187 – Carbon Sequestration

Summary - Creating the Carbon Sequestration Task Force adjunct to the Department of Environmental Protection; providing for task force membership and duties; requiring the task force to submit specified reports to the Secretary of Environmental Protection and to the Governor and Legislature by specified dates; providing for expiration of the task force, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$350,000

SB 1440 – Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemptions

Summary - Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemptions for Accessory Dwelling Units; Authorizing counties and municipalities to exempt certain accessory dwelling units from ad valorem taxation, etc