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On Thursday, January 31, 2013, Governor Rick Scott released his official budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The \$72.4 billion "Florida Families First" budget relies on \$27.1 billion in General Revenue, with trusts funds and federal participation comprising the bulk of the remaining \$45.3 billion. General Revenue funds available for the FY 2013-14 budget year increased \$1.2 billion from the previous fiscal year, a 4.7 percent increase.

Economic Development

The Governor recommends \$117 million for the Department of Economic Opportunity's public-private efforts with Enterprise Florida Inc., VISIT Florida, Space Florida, and the Florida Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research. The recommended Budget includes \$279 million for economic incentives for the Quick Action Closing Fund, the Qualified Targeted Industry Tax Refund, and the Innovation Incentive Program.

- \$36 million to be used for the Governor's Recognition Awards for Transformational Economic Development is also recommended.
- \$532,409 to make enhancements to the One Stop Business Registration Portal.
- \$19.7 million necessary to pay for increasing the state corporate income tax exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000.
- \$115.3 million necessary to pay for eliminating the output requirement associated with the manufacturing equipment sales tax exemption.
- \$289.4 million for Florida's 24 Regional Workforce Boards.
- \$12 million in funding for the Quick Response Training Program \$12 million.
- \$2.3 million for the Ready to Work Program.

Transportation

The Governor's Recommended Budget recommends \$8.3 billion for the Department of Transportation's Work Program. The proposal includes County Transportation Program funding equal to \$70,038,000 which is an increase from \$38.5 million in the previous year.

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A recommendation of \$3.6 billion for Highway Construction will include:

\$15M Economic Development Projects (Road Fund)	\$287M Bridge Construction
\$144M County Transportation Programs	\$288M Seaport Projects
\$765M Operations and Maintenance	\$169M Aviation Grants
\$766M Right-of-Way Land Acquisition and Support	\$20M Space Florida
\$525M Resurfacing	\$160M Rail Projects
\$401M Public Transit Development Grants	\$155M Debt Service Payments

The budget also includes \$160 million in funding for rail projects, including SunRail/ Phase II (construction/expanding 29 miles).

Agriculture

The Governor's \$1.4 billion proposed agriculture budget will include funding for programs such as the Citrus Health Response Program, Protecting Florida's Citrus Industry through Research, and Protecting Gulf Seafood Industry.

Library and Cultural Funding

The Governor supports State Aid to Libraries with a recommendation of \$20.2 million. The proposal also recommends \$3.9 million to provide support to cultural and historical projects.

Criminal Justice and Corrections

The budget reflects an increase of \$84.4 million, a total of \$4.3 billion, for the Department of Corrections (DOC) including:

- \$5.4 million to open a specialized inmate re-entry center that provides job training and placement skills for inmates
- \$2.7 million to provide our state crime labs new technology and crime lab scientists that specialize in DNA
- \$21.2 million to provide a performance bonus to employees
- \$12.5 million to ensure Florida's most dangerous prisons have optimum staffing and resources
- Shared County/State Juvenile Detention funding requirements equal to \$70,547,771. This represents a \$3.4 million decrease in county funding responsibility for juvenile secure detention.

There are no scheduled prison closures in the proposed budget and no major institutions are to be privatized. Governor Scott is recommending \$7.6 million in funding to require all persons in a work release program to wear an electronic monitoring device.

Human Services

Proposal includes:

- \$24.2 million in increase to the Nursing Home Diversion Medicaid Waiver
- \$1.1 billion in funding for home and community based services
- \$317 in funding for community mental health services increased by almost \$30 million from the previous year
- \$117.3 million in funding for community substance abuse services, similar to last year's funding level
- \$36.3 million to bring an estimated 750 individuals off of the Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver waiting list
- \$2.5 million to fund supported employment and supported internship services for

- 1,000 individuals with developmental disabilities
- \$30 million in cancer biomedical
- \$80 million for graduate medical education
- \$2.5 million to enhance the efforts of the Florida Council against Sexual violence
- \$133,300,690 in funding for County health units

Medicaid

In proposed conforming language, the Governor builds the budget using \$278.4 million in anticipate Medicaid county contributions. The \$278.4 is the state’s projected amount owed by counties using the new “streamlining” formula proposed in the legislation. This base amount is about \$60 million more than FAC’s proposal.

The budget further relies on hospital inpatient rate changes for Medicaid services in hospitals except those with a children’s or rural specialty designation will result in \$82 million in cost savings.

This budget also provides \$2.5 million to fund consulting services to provide an enhanced and predictive approach of collecting data, which will allow state agencies to deny unusual claims, investigate suspicious behavior, and address inappropriate payments within the Medicaid and public benefits programs.

Community Development Proposals Include:

- \$50 million for Affordable Housing / State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program
- \$30 million in Small Community Development Grants
- \$18 million in Weatherization Grants to assist low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills and make homes more energy efficient.

Environment, Beach Restoration, Everglades Funding and Aid to Local Government:

- Doubling funding for Everglades restoration, providing \$60 million
- An additional \$6 million for water quality restoration to protect springs
- \$265 million for water resource protection
- \$25 million of financial assistance to local and state governments and special taxing authorities for beach and dune restoration, beach nourishment, inlet sand bypassing, regional sediment management and innovative project
- \$176 million for waste management activities

Governor Scott also recommends \$24 million for fiscally constrained counties to offset the savings in ad valorem tax revenue occurring as a result of two constitutional amendments approved by voters in 2008. Also included is \$254 million in financial assistance to state and local governments for public awareness, outreach programs, floods, and disaster mitigation programs. Finally, the budget provides \$75 million for the Florida Forever program and \$31.7 million for state parks and coastal aquatic managed areas.

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