



OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS
CITY OF GAINESVILLE STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Regional Mobile Command/Hazmat Asset:

Support a state funding request of \$600,000 to add a Mobile Command and Heavy Rescue which will enhance Fire Rescue capabilities to offer further value with excellent service as a Regional Hazmat Team for our entire North Central Florida region.

Community Paramedicine Medical Assisted Treatment Program:

Support a state funding request of \$500,000 to use clinically effective Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for the greater Gainesville community's comprehensive behavioral health needs which consists of full recovery and the ability to live a self-directed life.

Connecting Communities Safety Corridor Extension:

Support a state funding request of \$500,000 for land acquisition to provide a connector for two state roads (SR221/Williston Rd and SR121/SW 34th St) via extending SW 47th Avenue. This will result in decreased congestion and enhanced safety along two major state-owned highly utilized corridors situated in the region.

Law Enforcement Drone Security Equipment:

Support a state funding request of \$115,000 towards ten approved law enforcement drone equipment to align with the governor's efforts at curbing the local purchase and use of specialized drone technology manufactured by hostile international actors.

University Town State Road Redesign/Re-construction:

Support efforts to encourage FDOT funding for both SR 26/University Avenue and SR 441/13th Street redesign and reconstruction for areas adjacent to campus and to downtown. This will enhance both roadways to be pedestrian oriented in order to facilitate the large numbers of pedestrians crossing to and from the University of Florida and public housing authority properties. Numerous youth pedestrian injuries and fatalities have made this project essential.

Affordable Housing:

Support the full funding of the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund programs (including SHIP and SAIL) and use the state's General Revenue to support additional affordable housing initiatives.

Infrastructure:

Support funding for grant/cost sharing programs to improve resiliency and address aging critical water, wastewater, electrical, roadway, and stormwater infrastructure; construct and improve bikeway systems; and fund public/private partnerships for developing electrical vehicle charging stations.

Cybersecurity:

Support funding for grant/cost sharing programs to improve cybersecurity.

Home Rule:

Oppose efforts that would create unnecessary preemptive measures curtailing local municipalities' ability adopt policies that benefit their citizenry and minimize harm at the most local level.

Florida Mental Health Central Receiving Facility Operations:

Support legislation to introduce recurring state general revenues for the operational needs of both existing and new mental health central receiving facilities across all Florida communities in order to cut unnecessary cost burdens and vastly improve mental health coordination of care outcomes that build stronger communities.