

2018 FEDERAL ACTION PLAN



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Summary: FAC 2018 FEDERAL Action Plan

- Fed-PP-1: National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Reauthorization: SUPPORT** reauthorization of the NFIP with legislative, policy and programmatic modifications to ensure no coverage lapses and to improve the affordability, transparency and financial stability of the program through reforms in the following areas: (1) Affordability/Rate Structure; (2) Mapping/Data Collection/Modeling; and, (3) Mitigation. To that end, FAC **SUPPORTS** the Sustainable, Affordable, FAIR and Efficient National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (SAFE NFIP) 2017.
- FED-PP-2: Water Resources Development Act (WRDA): SUPPORT** bi-annual passage of the Water Resources Development Act that authorizes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects and policies that often have state-wide impacts to Florida, including Everglades restoration, port and inlet construction, and beach nourishment projects. **SUPPORT** restoration of congressionally directed spending.
- FED-PP-3: Opioids: Opioid Funding:** For those suffering from Opioid addiction, **SUPPORT** life-saving interventions, including medication-assisted treatment, residential treatment, twelve-step recovery and detoxification programs, and diversions from the criminal justice system. **SUPPORT** efforts to stop international and interstate opioid trafficking and increased penalties for dealers and traffickers whose actions result in loss of life.
- FED-PP-4: Zika/Mosquito Control: Zika Funding:** To eliminate the risk associated with the Zika virus and other mosquito-borne viruses, FAC urges the federal government to develop a comprehensive eradication strategy that identifies and allocates the appropriate amount of funding needed to support state and local governments.
- FED-PP-5: FEMA Deobligations: FEMA De-obligations: SUPPORT** legislation that prohibits the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from de-obligating from counties previously-awarded disaster funds for projects that have been certified complete by the state for at least three years. Additionally, **SUPPORT** changes to the Stafford Act that will ensure counties, who submit project appeals within the required 60-day timeframe, are not denied the appeal by FEMA, whenever the state, while serving as the grantee, fails to meet its regulatory timeframe for submitting appeals.



- FED-PP-6: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:** FAC strongly **SUPPORTS** the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program’s continued funding and support for local community development and housing assistance programs administered by county elected officials.
- FED-PP-7: Economic Development:** The Florida Association of Counties **SUPPORTS** federal programs--including Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA), Small Business Administration (SBA), and USDA Rural Development--that recognize the importance of a federal role in state and local economic development, and provide funding resources, bonds, information, and technical assistance to further this important role.
- FED-PP-8: Federal Tax Reform: State and Local Tax Deduction (SALT):** The Florida Association of Counties **SUPPORTS** the federal tax code retaining the deductibility of all state and local taxes, particularly the property tax, and it should reinstate the deductibility of sales taxes.
- Tax-Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds:** **SUPPORT** the preservation of the existing tax-exempt status of municipal bonds. **OPPOSE** legislative provisions that would repeal or eliminate the tax exempt status of municipal bonds. Oppose legislative provisions that would repeal, limit, or “cap” the deduction for interest earned on new and outstanding municipal bonds.
- FED-PP-9: Offshore Drilling:** FAC **SUPPORTS** making permanent the ban on oil and gas leasing contained in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA)