



# 2020 FEDERAL PRIORITIES

## NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) REAUTHORIZATION

Urge Congress to 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.

Urge Congress to OPPOSE any reauthorization efforts that are detrimental to policy holders, local governments, and the integrity of the program.

## WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA)

Urge Congress to 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.

Urge Congress to SUPPORT restoration of congressionally directed spending.

## DISASTER RECOVERY

Urge Congress to SUPPORT increased investment in mitigation programs such as the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and other partnerships between local and federal governments to complete mitigation projects and increase resiliency to disasters.

Urge Congress to SUPPORT assistance for Hurricane Michael recovery, and efforts that will expedite the funding guidelines required for the CDBG-DR program.

Urge Congress to OPPOSE programmatic changes that would increase the local cost share for disaster recovery, such as implementation of a disaster deductible.

## OFFSHORE DRILLING

Urge Congress to SUPPORT the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA), which bans oil and gas leasing within 125 miles off Florida's Gulf Coast until 2022. SUPPORT keeping Florida's east coast free from offshore drilling and maintaining the Department of Interior's commitment to remove Florida from consideration in the next draft of the proposed leasing plan.

Urge Congress to OPPOSE any legislation that moves the ban to an earlier date.

## FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Urge Congress to SUPPORT the continuation of adequate funding of critical programs that provide resources for the provision of local services and local public infrastructure. These funding programs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Corps of Engineers funds – Everglades restoration, port & inlet construction & maintenance & beach nourishment
- Community Development Block Grant program
- Community Services Block Grant program
- Social Services Block Grant program
- Economic Development Administration
- State Criminal Alien Assistance Program

## VETERANS HOMELESSNESS

Urge Congress to SUPPORT legislation requiring the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide case management support to local housing authorities under the VA-supported housing program.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Urge Congress to SUPPORT federal legislation that ensures funding for locally owned infrastructure, including water and wastewater facilities, preserves the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, streamlines the federal permitting process, promotes innovative financing, and ensures the long-term certainty and solvency of the Federal Highway Trust Fund.

## FEMA FLOOD MAPPING – RISK RATING 2.0

Urge Congress to SUPPORT counties and recommend that FEMA delay its implementation of its new Risk Rating 2.0 flood mapping initiative

## HEALTH CARE FOR NON-CONVICTED PERSONS

Urge Congress to SUPPORT the reinstatement of federal health care benefits, including those benefits awarded to veterans, for non-convicted justice involved individuals.

## DIGITAL DIVIDE

Urge Congress to SUPPORT increasing public funding for construction of broadband infrastructure; Urge Congress to SUPPORT improving service mapping accurately by requiring more granular data from service providers, allowing crowd sourced data to be used to inform the map, and creating an appeal process to challenge demonstrable inaccuracies.

## NON-DOMESTIC SAND SOURCES

Urge Congress to SUPPORT enabling the Secretary of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow counties to acquire sand by purchase, exchange or otherwise from non-domestic sources for the purpose of beach renourishment.

## UPPER KISSIMMEE BASIN WATER STORAGE PROJECTS

Urge Congress to SUPPORT the inclusion of funding in the Water Resources Development ACT (WRDA) for studies and implementation of water storage projects within the Upper Kissimmee Basin to reduce harmful discharges, enhance central Florida water supply, and to mitigate negative economic impacts on communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee.