



## **ARA-PP-03: RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NOT ADOPT; COVERED BY GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**PROPOSED POLICY:** SUPPORT additional financial support for infrastructure - Water Projects; Local Jail Improvements/Construction; Public Safety Improvements- Jail, Fire, EMS.

**BACKGROUND:** this proposal is based on the acknowledgement that local governments have significant backlog in infrastructure. The proposal does not specify what method the legislature should authorize (i.e. increase taxing authority, broadened use of existing revenue sources, or direct state funding for local infrastructure.) It is requested that the Legislature provide additional capacity for local governments to address infrastructure needs.

**ANALYSIS:** It may be that FAC has sufficient policies and principles to pursue this proposal. If so, that may be sufficient.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Indeterminate

### **FAC STAFF NOTES:**

- FAC 2022 Policy Conference:
  - The Committee recommended to not adopt ARA-PP-03, as it is already covered by FAC Guiding Principles
- FY 2022-23 Budget Appropriations:
  - Specific Appropriation 1665A provides for \$368,380,383 in grants and aid for local and nonstate water projects
  - Specific Appropriation 1667 provides grants and aid for local and nonstate drinking water capital projects
    - \$14,238,897 from General Revenue
    - \$188,370,575 from the state Drinking Water Revolving Loan Trust Fund
  - Specific Appropriation 1668 provides for grants and aid for local and nonstate wastewater treatment and stormwater management construction projects
    - \$15,403,617 from General Revenue
    - \$249,425,513 from the Wastewater Treatment and Stormwater Management Revolving Loan Trust Fund
  - Specific Appropriation 2431A provides for \$28,451,500 for local government fire services
  - Specific Appropriation 502 provides for \$2,696,675 in emergency medical services county grants
- FAC Guiding Principles:



- WES 2. The Florida Association of Counties supports state funding for water quality improvement projects designed to reduce nutrient pollution in Florida's impaired waterbodies, recognizing that multiple sources contribute to nutrient loading, including, but not limited to, wastewater and septic systems, industrial, agricultural, and residential water use.
- WES 3. The Florida Association of Counties supports policies that enhance regional and local financial capacity to address water supply development with allocation flexibility in all available funding sources.
- HSJ 35. The Florida Association of Counties supports funding for capital improvements to county courthouses and other court-related facilities, including jails.
- HSJ 39. The Florida Association of Counties supports policies and funding targeted at enhancing the quality of volunteer firefighting services in rural and unincorporated communities.
- HSJ 41. The Florida Association of Counties supports continued state funding for county EOCs to ensure each is able to meet the minimum structural survivability and operational space criteria established by the state and federal government.

**SUBMITTING COUNTY AND CONTACT:** Levy – John Meeks

**ASSIGNED COMMITTEE:** ARA

**BOARD SUPPORT:** N/A

**UNFUNDED MANDATE:** No

**PROTECTIVE OF HOME RULE:** N/A