

## FEDC Supports these recommended Budget Items

### Economic & Workforce Development

- FEDC supports **\$50 million in recurring** General Revenue for the **JOB GROWTH GRANT FUND (FJGGF)**, benefitting the citizens of Florida by funding projects that provide workforce training through the state's colleges and technical centers in critical industries; and projects that enhance infrastructure in areas that will make Florida more economically competitive.
- FEDC supports **\$30 million** for the **RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND** in Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) appropriation, **of which \$20,000,000 is nonrecurring** General Revenue. The department awards grants to communities to facilitate the planning, preparing, and financing of infrastructure projects in rural communities which are necessary due to specific job-creation or job-retention opportunities.
- FEDC supports **\$6 million** for the **SPACE FLORIDA FINANCING PROGRAM FOR AEROSPACE INDUSTRY** expanding existing programs designed to grow Florida's space industry capability and promote the state as a premier global space business destination. Florida's commercial business model offsets the initial capital costs of the company's facilities through strategic financing.
- FEDC supports **\$15 million** for the **SPACE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AEROSPACE INNOVATION FUND** to promote global aerospace advancements through collaborative projects, workforce initiatives, and commercialization efforts. Space Florida will develop eligibility criteria for funding projects, focusing on commercial potential and partnerships involving Florida-based aerospace entities.
- FEDC supports **\$1 million to SelectFlorida to provide export assistance for small to medium-sized Florida-based manufacturers**, with a particular focus on rural areas. This initiative aligns with Florida's goal of becoming a top five manufacturing state by 2030.
- FEDC supports these **CareerSource Florida** programs:
  - **Quick Response Training grant program – \$7.5 million.** Supports new employee training for eligible new businesses or those relocating to or expanding in Florida.
  - **Incumbent Worker Training grant program– \$3 million.** For-profit, small businesses may be eligible for a reimbursement of up to 75 percent of training costs.

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- **Rural Workforce – \$2 million** in nonrecurring General Revenue to enhance and strengthen the capacity of Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) in Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO). The funding will help equip rural Floridians with employable skills, strengthening the talent pipeline and fostering economic development in these regions.
- **Veteran and Military Spouse Workforce – \$1.5 million** to sustain and expand this proven program and provide funding to Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) throughout the state to support veterans and military spouses as they advance along their career pathways.
- FEDC supports **\$20 million** for the **GOVERNOR'S PATHWAYS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM** to establish or expand pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs for high school and college students. Within the \$20 million, \$5 million is dedicated to the Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- FEDC supports **\$100 million** in the **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CAPITALIZATION INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM** for the creation or expansion of CTE programs.

### Military & Defense

- FEDC supports **\$6 million** for the **FLORIDA DEFENSE SUPPORT COMMISSION**, which now includes the former Defense Infrastructure Grant program.
- FEDC supports **\$1.5 million** for the **DEFENSE REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

### Transportation

 As part of this year's work program, FEDC supports

- **\$155.5 million in seaport infrastructure improvements** to grow Florida's supply chain
- **\$388.8 million for aviation improvements**
- **\$93 million for the spaceport improvement program**

### Affordable Housing

- FEDC supports **\$50,000,000** in nonrecurring General Revenue for the continuation and expansion of the **HOMETOWN HERO HOUSING PROGRAM** to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to first-time, income-qualified homebuyers for the purchase of a primary residence in the community in which they work and serve.
- As a member of **The Sadowski Housing Coalition**, FEDC supports the protection and enhancement of the funding from the Sadowski Housing Trust Funds, for SHIP and SAIL, which are pivotal to the success of affordable housing in Florida.