

GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

**ONE MILLION JOBS CREATED SINCE 2010**  
**ONE BILLION IN TAX CUTS IN 2 YEARS**



**For Immediate Release**  
March 15, 2016

**Contact:** [media@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:media@eog.myflorida.com)  
(850) 717-9282

## **Governor Rick Scott Announces the Florida First Budget**

*Taxes cut over 55 times since 2010, saving Floridians \$5.5 billion*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced his planned action on the 2016-2017 Florida First budget. The budget has been finalized by the Florida Legislature and will be officially signed into law upon delivery to Governor Scott.

Governor Rick Scott said, “We had a great legislative session this year. I’m proud that we can say, by working with the Florida Legislature, we have cut taxes by more than \$1 billion in just two years. That means we have achieved two major victories: we have added more than one million new jobs and have cut taxes by more than \$1 billion. My goal every day and for every legislative session is to improve the opportunities for families like mine growing up who struggled to find a good paying job.

“Before I came into office, Florida was raising taxes and fees and there is no doubt that I will always want more tax cuts and more jobs. I look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature to find more ways next year to return money back to families all across Florida. When we cut taxes and make government more efficient, Florida families and companies prosper, jobs are created, state tax revenues increase and we have the opportunity to invest in areas that are important to Florida families – like our education system, our environment and keeping our communities safe and healthy.

“I am proud that our Florida First budget invests record amounts of funding all across our state, including in our K-12 and higher education systems to ensure our students have the knowledge and skills to achieve their dreams; record investments to protect our springs so Florida remains the most pristine state in the nation; and record funding at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to allow people with unique abilities to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

“I will be signing this budget into law as soon as the Florida Legislature delivers it to me and withholding approval for approximately \$256.1 million in projects that do not provide a significant return on taxpayer investment. I look forward to another great year in the Sunshine State as we continue our mission to make Florida first in the world for jobs, education and safe communities.”

## FLORIDA FIRST BUDGET SUMMARY

- ✓ **Keeps Promise of \$1 Billion in Tax Cuts in Two Years**
  - Governor Scott cut **\$427 million** in taxes last year, with **\$252 million** recurring. The Florida First budget cuts an additional **\$557 million** this year – bringing the total tax cuts over the last two years to **\$1.2 billion**.
  - Since taking office, Governor Scott has cut taxes over 55 times, which has saved Floridians \$5.5 billion.

# MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN TAX CUTS in 2 years

	'15/'16	'16/'17	Total
	<small>(Figures in millions)</small>		
1. Cell Phone & TV Tax cut 	\$207.3	\$226.1	\$433.4
2. Property Tax Reduction 		\$428.0	\$428.0
3. Back to School 	\$67.8	\$28.7	\$96.5
4. Machinery & Equipment 		\$73.1 <small>(Recurring)</small>	\$73.1
5. College Textbooks 	\$41.5		\$41.5
6. Other Tax Cuts 	\$111.2	\$53.2	\$164.4
<b>Combined Tax Cuts over 2 years:</b>			
	<b>More than <u>\$1.2 Billion</u></b>		

Promise Kept

✓ **Invests in Education**

- Historic total of **\$20.2 billion** in funding for K-12 public school education, including **\$11.3 billion** in state funding for the highest amount ever. The per-student amount is \$7,178 - an increase of \$71 per student over last year.
- Includes no higher education tuition increases and historic total funding of **\$4.7 billion** for state universities, and **\$1.2 billion** for state colleges. The budget also includes an historic level of higher education performance funding - **\$500 million** for state universities and **\$60 million** for state colleges.

✓ **Grows the Economy**

- Florida companies have created more than **1 million jobs** in five years. The Florida First budget permanently eliminates the tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment that will further diversify Florida's economy.
- Invests \$10.8 billion in transportation projects to allow Florida's private-sector to continue its growth.
- Florida welcomed a record **105 million visitors** in 2015. The Florida First budget invests **\$76 million** for VISIT FLORIDA to attract more tourists to the Sunshine State.

✓ **Protects the Environment**

- The Florida First budget invests more than **\$3 billion** to protect Florida's agricultural and natural resources.
- Investments include **\$210 million** for land management and acquisition, a record **\$50 million** for springs restoration and **\$188 million** to protect the Florida Everglades.

✓ **Keeps Families Healthy**

- Record investments totaling **\$1.3 billion** for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, including over **\$39 million** to remove more than **1,400 individuals** from the waiting list.
- Total investments of **\$1 billion in the Department of Children and Families** to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment services in Florida communities, including **\$10.2 million** for additional staff at mental health treatment facilities and **\$20.4 million** for community based services.

✓ **Builds Strong Communities**

- To keep Florida's crime rate at a **44 and a half year low**, the Florida First budget invests **\$4.9 billion** for public safety.
- Invests \$10.7 million in Florida's crime laboratories which will **eliminate Florida's backlog of rape testing kits**.
- Includes **\$12.2 million** to hire 215 additional correctional officer positions, **\$17 million** for prison maintenance to ensure safe prisons and an

additional **\$15 million** for health care and mental health treatment services at Florida prisons.

- Provides **\$1.9 million** to increase staff-to-youth ratios at the Department of Juvenile Justice to continue Florida's 32-year low in juvenile arrests.

## **FLORIDA FIRST BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

### **\$1.2 Billion in Tax Cuts in Two Years with \$557 Million in the Florida First Budget**

The Florida First budget fulfills Governor Scott's promise to cut taxes by \$1 billion over two years. Last year, Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature cut \$427 million in taxes, with \$252 million recurring. The Florida First budget cuts an additional \$557 million this year – bringing the total tax cuts over the last two years to \$1.2 billion. **The Florida First budget also makes record investments in education, works to diversify Florida's economy, protects Florida's environment, eliminates the critical needs waiting list at the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for the third year in a row and works to keep Florida's crime rate at historic lows.**

The taxes cut this year include:

**\$428 Million in Property Tax Cuts** – The Florida First budget reduces the property tax millage rate from 4.9 to 4.6 which will provide a vast majority of property owners in Florida with a \$428 million tax cut.

**\$73.1 Million by Permanently Eliminating the Sales Tax on Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment** – The Florida First budget saves Florida manufacturers \$73.1 million annually by permanently eliminating the sales tax on the purchase of manufacturing machinery and equipment. This tax cut will help manufacturers grow which will create jobs across the state and will further diversify Florida's economy.

**\$28.7 Million for a Back to School Sales Tax Holiday** – The Florida First budget provides for a 3-day back to school sales tax holiday, saving Floridians \$28.7 million. The holiday will run from August 5-7, 2016, and will allow tax-free purchases so families can provide students with the supplies they need to be successful during the school year.

Below is a breakdown of the \$1.2 billion tax cut over two years. **Since taking office, Governor Scott has cut taxes over 55 times, which has saved Floridians \$5.5 billion.**

<b>PROMISE KEPT: \$1.2 Billion in Taxes Cut</b>			
<b>Tax Cut</b>	<b>Goes into Effect FY15/16</b>	<b>Goes into Effect FY16/17</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cell Phone & TV Tax Cut	\$207.3M	\$226.1M	\$433.4M
Property Tax Reduction		\$428M	\$428M
Back to School Sales Tax Holiday	\$67.8M	\$28.7M	\$96.5M
Manufacturing Machinery & Equipment		\$73.1M	\$73.1M
College Textbooks	\$41.5M		\$41.5M
Other Tax Cuts	\$111.2M	\$53.2M	\$164.4M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$427.8M</b>	<b>\$809.1M</b>	<b>\$1.2 Billion</b>

**Making Florida First in Education**

Governor Scott has made funding Florida’s education system a top priority so every Florida student has the opportunity to be prepared for a great job. In order to further diversify the state’s economy and make Florida the best state in the nation for jobs, Florida must have a highly skilled and educated workforce that attracts businesses to start and grow in Florida. The Florida First budget invests in programs to connect students with educational opportunities that will allow them to succeed in jobs in the global marketplace.

**Historic Total and State K-12 Public School Funding** – The Florida First budget provides historic funding of \$20.2 billion, of which \$11.3 billion is historic state funding for K-12 public schools. This total results in a per-student funding of \$7,178, the highest in Florida history. This includes \$80 million for digital classrooms.

<b>Historic Areas of Funding</b>	<b>Record Funding Amount</b>
K-12 Public Schools – Total Funding	\$20.2 billion (Record Amount)
K-12 Public Schools – State Funding	\$11.3 billion (Record Amount)
K-12 Public Schools – Per-Student Funding	\$7,178/ per student (Record Amount)
Florida College System – Total Funding	\$1.2 billion (Record Amount)
State University System – Total Funding	\$4.7 billion (Record Amount)

**K-12 School Capital Funds** – The Florida First budget invests \$75 million for maintenance at K-12 public schools, \$75 million for charter schools, and \$14.4 million for the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind and public lab schools.

**K-12 Rural School District Construction and Renovation** – The Florida First budget invests \$75.4 million for eight rural school districts' Special Facility Construction projects. This funding will provide new school buildings and major renovations in Washington, Jefferson, Taylor, Levy, Calhoun, Holmes, Dixie and Hamilton counties.

**Excellence in Early Learning** – The Florida First budget provides \$395.2 million for the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program, which is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The total funding in the Florida First budget is over \$1 billion – an increase of \$26.1 million over last year's funding. The budget also invests \$15.5 million for the early learning performance funding program for child care instructors who improve the quality of the education they provide.

**Excellence in Higher Education** – An affordable higher education system is essential for allowing Florida students to graduate with college degrees without decades of debt. Governor Scott has focused on rewarding higher education institutions in Florida that put an added emphasis on connecting graduates with jobs. **The Florida First budget includes no higher education tuition increases and provides historic total levels of funding for state universities - \$4.7 billion, an increase of \$199.6 million over last year.**

**Excellence in the Florida College System** – The Florida First budget provides a total of \$1.2 billion for Florida's 28 colleges – an increase of \$58 million over last year. A record \$60 million in performance funding will reward institutions for excellence and improvement in student success tied to keeping higher education affordable and ensuring students get good paying jobs.

**Excellence in the State University System** – The Florida First budget invests a record \$4.7 billion for Florida's 12 universities. This is an increase of \$199.6 million over last year. A record \$500 million in performance funding will reward institutions for excellence and improvement in student success tied to keeping higher education affordable and ensuring students get good paying jobs.

**College and University Construction and Building Maintenance** – The Florida First budget provides \$139 million for Florida College System facilities and \$152.3 million for State University System facilities. The budget also provides \$36.2 million for maintenance and repair at state colleges and \$61.8 million for maintenance and repair at state universities.

**Industry Certifications** – The Florida First budget invests \$10 million, an increase of \$5 million over last year, in funding for the Florida College System. The Florida First budget continues to invest \$4.5 million for the District Workforce Education programs based on students earning industry certifications in targeted occupational areas, including health science and information technology. Colleges and school districts earn \$1,000 for each industry certification that a student earns.

## **Making Florida First for Job Creation**

Florida's economy is growing and is on the path to become first for jobs. In a little over five years, Florida has created more than 1,060,800 private-sector jobs, beating Texas in job creation for the past nine months. By continuing to diversify the economy and cut taxes, Florida will continue this tremendous growth and more families will be able to live their dreams in Florida. Since taking office, Governor Rick Scott has eliminated more than 4,200 regulations, making it easier to do business in Florida. In January, there were over 287,000 job openings in Florida.

Florida's impressive economic successes include:

- More than 1,060,800 private sector jobs created since December 2010;
- Month-to-month positive private-sector job creation for 66 consecutive months;
- The unemployment rate has been cut by more than half since December 2010;
- Over 1.8 million Floridians have been placed in jobs through Florida's workforce network since 2012;
- Florida has become the #2 state in the country for doing business, as ranked by Chief Executive Magazine;
- Florida has become the #2 state in the country for trade infrastructure and aviation/aerospace facilities;
- From 1992-2014, Florida inherited more than \$127 billion in adjusted gross income from other states. This is about 15% of Florida's annual GDP;
- Florida's real GDP average for the first three quarters of 2015 was \$792.8 billion, up 3.5% from the first three quarters of 2014. This growth rate exceeded the national growth rate of 2.6 percent. Among all states, Florida had the fourth largest real GDP in the nation through the first three quarters of 2015; and
- Florida's home prices in January 2016 were up from last year by 13.7 percent. The statewide median sales price for single-family existing homes in January was \$199,000 and the statewide median price for townhouse-condo properties in January was \$152,000, up 5.5 percent over-the-year.

**Improving Florida's Transportation System** – Since fiscal year 2010-2011, Florida has increased its investment in transportation by \$3.1 billion, or 45 percent. The Florida First budget continues to build on this success by investing a record \$10.8 billion for transportation and fully funds the Department of Transportation's Work Program. This investment will ensure that Florida's transportation and infrastructure remains among the best in the nation. The budget includes:

- \$29.5 million for Economic Development Transportation Projects (Road Fund);
- \$3.9 billion to expand transportation system capacity, which includes adding 255 new lane miles;
- \$571.5 million for resurfacing more than 2,038 lane miles;
- \$247.9 million for aviation improvements;
- \$739.5 million for scheduled repairs of 48 bridges and replacement of 22 bridges; and

- \$153.9 million in seaport infrastructure improvements.

**Record Breaking Tourism** – In 2015, a record 105 million visitors came to the state, an increase of 6.6 percent over 2014, and spent \$85.5 billion. This is up from the 82 million visitors that came to Florida in 2010. The Florida First budget includes \$76 million for VISIT Florida to attract more tourists to the Sunshine State. For every dollar invested in VISIT Florida, Florida taxpayers saw a return of \$3.20. Last year, VISIT Florida also raised more than \$138.5 million in private matching funds. The average number of direct travel-related jobs in 2015 was also a record high, with 1,199,200 Floridians employed in the tourism industry - up 53,400 or 4.7 percent over the same period last year.

### **Making Florida First in Environmental Protection**

The Florida First budget continues Governor Scott's commitment to invest in protecting Florida's environment so it can be enjoyed for generations to come. Florida is home to the most large freshwater springs in the nation, the world famous Everglades and the nation's best parks. The Florida First budget invests more than \$3 billion to protect Florida's agricultural and natural resources.

**Everglades** – The Florida First budget invests more than \$188 million in Everglades restoration projects, including the C-43 and C-44 reservoirs, prioritizing projects that will quickly provide relief to the harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee caused by the federal government's failure to repair the Herbert Hoover Dike. In addition, the Florida First budget invests \$17 million to acquire land around Lake Hicpochee that will provide relief from the discharge of flood water to the Caloosahatchee estuary. Over the last five years, Governor Scott has made protecting the Everglades a top priority by investing more than \$688 million for Everglades restoration.

Under Governor Scott's leadership, an historic \$880 million water quality plan was created to protect the Everglades. To date, Florida has invested nearly \$2 billion in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), which is \$880 million more than the federal government.

**Protecting Florida Springs** – In 2013, Governor Scott created a specific funding process for springs restoration. To build on this commitment, the Florida First budget provides \$50 million in funding for springs restoration projects. To date, Governor Scott has provided more funding for springs restoration projects than any Governor in Florida's history. **Since Governor Scott took office, more than \$135 million has been provided by the state for springs restoration.**

**Land Acquisition and Increased Land Management** – In addition to the \$100 million the Florida First budget invests in land management by state agencies, the budget invests another \$110 million for additional land management and new land acquisition, including:

- \$15.2 million in new funding for the Division of State Lands within the Department of Environmental Protection;
- \$12.8 million for targeted land acquisitions to protect water resources, including the Everglades;
- \$10 million for the Florida Communities Trust program;
- \$11.9 million for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program and local parks;
- \$26 million for additional land management in the Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and
- \$35 million for Rural and Family Lands.

**State Park Facility Improvements** – The Florida First budget invests \$24 million for repairs and renovations to Florida’s nationally recognized state park facilities, including \$4 million to continue to bring state park facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Florida’s state parks are recognized as the best in the nation and Florida is the only two and three-time winner of the National Gold Medal Award.

**Beach Projects** – The Florida First budget invests \$32 million for beach and dune restoration, beach nourishment, regional sediment management, and other innovative projects. Florida’s beaches regularly rank as the best in the nation, and helped the state attract a record 105 million tourists in 2015.

**Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction** – The Florida First budget provides \$172.2 million for the construction of wastewater treatment and stormwater management systems, including collection and transmission sewers, reclaimed water systems, and a variety of other facilities and activities through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

**Drinking Water Facility Construction** – The Florida First budget provides \$104 million for the construction of drinking water systems, including treatment, storage and distribution facilities.

**Water Projects** – The Florida First budget provides \$61.6 million for local water projects to assist communities in the enhancement of local water resources.

**Citrus Industry** – The Florida First budget invests more than \$20 million in citrus research and programs to protect Florida’s citrus industry, which is number one in the country. This investment will help growers continue to combat citrus greening, a bacterial disease that greatly reduces citrus production and kills citrus trees.

### **Making Florida First for Public Safety**

In order for Florida to continue to grow, the Florida First budget makes investments to build on the state’s 44 and-a-half year low in crime and invests \$4.9 billion in public safety. With new, innovative reforms and a focus on data-driven, rehabilitative programs at the Department of Corrections, Florida’s prison system continues to become safer for

staff, inmates, and the communities where prisons reside. The Florida First budget invests millions of dollars in community safety programs and adds additional staff across Florida's public safety system.

**Eliminating Florida's Rape Test Kit Backlog** – The Florida First budget provides the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) with needed resources to expedite the testing of Florida's backlog of rape testing kits. These kits are provided to FDLE from local law enforcement. This comprehensive \$10.7 million approach includes funding for FDLE's plan to eliminate the backlog within three years. It also includes funding, requested by FDLE, to enhance state crime laboratories, which will directly help reduce the backlog. Streamlining this process and eliminating the backlog will help law enforcement hold more criminals accountable and provide closure for victims of this horrible crime.

**Ensuring Safe Prisons** – The Florida First budget includes \$12.2 million to hire an additional 215 correctional officers to make prisons safer for staff, inmates, and communities. The budget also provides \$17 million for critical maintenance and repair of prison facilities. Specific to healthcare and mental healthcare services, the Florida First budget provides an additional \$15 million to enhance services.

**Safer Communities through Reduced Recidivism** – The Florida First budget invests \$12.5 million in reentry and vocational programs with proven results to reduce the number of inmates going back to prison. The budget makes the following investments to keep recidivism low in Florida by helping train released inmates with career skills to make them more marketable to employers:

- An investment of \$5.6 million for job training and placement for current and newly-released inmates through Operation New Hope, Ready4Work Hillsborough, Bethel Ready4Work, Reentry Alliance Pensacola, Jacksonville Reentry Center, RESTORE Initiative, Tampa Bay Career Pathways Reentry Program and the Broward County Sheriff's Inmate Portal Reentry program;
- An investment of \$500,000 for Home Builder's Institute vocational programs, which provides career training and building industry certification.

**Continuing Reforms in Juvenile Justice** – The Florida First budget provides \$1.9 million to increase staff-to-youth ratios at the Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) residential programs in order to improve the safety of youth and staff. The budget also provides \$6.2 million for critical maintenance at DJJ facilities.

The Florida First budget continues and expands prevention and treatment programs to at risk youth. This investment includes the following:

- An additional \$2.35 million to fund the PACE REACH after school program at three existing PACE Centers for Girls, and adds 63 additional slots at PACE Centers' day programs statewide;

- An investment of \$1.25 million for the About Face Program to provide summer and afterschool life preparation programs;
- An investment of \$750,000 for the Forward March Program to provide job readiness services at selected Florida armories for Work and Gain Economic Self Sufficiency recipients and other qualifying young adults; and
- An additional \$1.5 million for prevention programs that provide intervention services to at risk youth, which will reduce delinquency and prevent these youth from reoffending.

**Florida's National Guard Facilities** – The Florida First budget invests \$6.7 million in Florida National Guard armories. These funds will be used to repair, renovate and provide security enhancements to Florida's armories following Governor Scott's executive order after the tragic shootings last summer in Tennessee. Since the Governor has been in office, \$69.9 million has been invested in Florida's National Guard Armories.

### **Making Florida First for Healthy Families**

**Record Funding for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities** – The Florida First budget makes a record investment of \$1.3 billion for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and provides over \$39 million to remove more than 1,400 individuals from the critical needs waitlist for the third year in a row.

**HIV/ AIDS Research** – Last year, Florida invested a record \$34 million in HIV/AIDS prevention. The Florida First budget invests an additional \$1.65 million to support research, direct services, and other efforts to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS.

**Healthy Start** – The Florida First budget invests \$27 million in the statewide Healthy Start Program, an increase of \$400,000 over last year's funding, to improve the health and wellbeing of pregnant women and children in Florida.

**The Arc of Florida Dental Services** – The Florida First budget supports dental services for individuals with developmental disabilities with \$1 million provided to the Arc of Florida. Funds will be used to enroll new providers and continue statewide coordinated dental services, which will improve the health of those served.

**Recreational Parks for Individuals with Disabilities** – The Florida First budget invests \$1.3 million to provide for maintenance and repairs at Billy Joe Rish Park in Northwest Florida. This park, open year-round, allows people with disabilities, their family members, guardians, and caregivers, to enjoy Florida's natural beauty. Over the last four years, a total of \$3.2 million has been invested in this park.

**Supported Employment** – The Florida First budget provides \$500,000 for job placement and training for individuals with developmental disabilities on the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waitlist. This budget also includes \$150,000 for a workforce

program for ventilated quadriplegic individuals that will connect them with meaningful jobs.

### **Mental Health Care Innovation**

Last year, Governor Scott signed two executive orders to create pilot programs in three Florida counties to help determine how to better deliver mental health treatment services to those who most need it. These pilot programs are focused on providing treatment in communities instead of institutions, and help address the fragmented system of programs across the state. The Florida First budget invests \$823 million through the Department of Children and Families for substance abuse and mental health treatment. The Florida First budget invests in innovative programs to better care for those dealing with mental illness while ensuring safety at state mental health treatment facilities.

**Mental Health Treatment Facilities** – The Florida First budget provides \$351.6 million for state mental health treatment facilities. The budget invests \$7.1 million for 80 additional staff and \$3.1 million for video cameras, updated medication dispensing equipment and personal alarm devices at state operated facilities. This will ensure the safety of staff and patients at these facilities.

**Family Intensive Treatment Teams** – The Florida First budget invests \$10.2 million, an increase of \$2.8 million, to implement evidence-based practices for treating a parent's mental health and substance abuse disorders that put children at risk.

**Community Action Treatment** – The Florida First budget invests \$17.25 million in total funding, with an increase of \$3.75 million to add five new additional Community Actions Treatment (CAT) teams to areas in need. These teams provide community in-home services to severely mentally ill children and their families. These teams focus on treating Floridians in their communities rather than in institutional settings.

**Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)** – The Florida First budget provides \$39.7 million, an increase of \$1.5 million, to expand FACT teams to Putnam and St. Johns counties. This means 39 Florida counties are served by 32 FACT teams that focus on ensuring immediate frontline services are available to adults with severe and persistent mental illness.

**Transition Vouchers** – The Florida First budget provides \$3.5 million for Transition Vouchers. These vouchers help transition individuals with mental health needs from facilities back to their communities so they can get the skills, support and training they need to lead productive and independent lives.

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant Program** – The Florida First budget invests \$9.1 million, an increase of \$6.2 million, in the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant Program to triple the number of counties the program serves. This program strengthens counties to work with local entities, law enforcement and not-for-

profit organizations to better serve individuals with behavioral health needs involved in the criminal justice system.

**Multidisciplinary Forensic Teams** – The Florida First budget invests \$3.3 million to create five new pilot programs to allow individuals charged with a lesser felony, who have a non-violent history, to be served in their communities instead of an institution. This pilot program will serve Broward, Duval, Miami-Dade, Orange and Hillsborough counties.

**Community Based Services** – The Florida First Budget invests \$20.4 million in additional funding for care coordination and transition services for families involved in the child welfare system and adults dealing with mental illness. This funding will improve communication between providers, access to care and connection to important services.

### **Protecting Florida's Most Vulnerable**

**Fighting Human Trafficking** – In addition to signing legislation this year to increase the penalties on human-trafficking criminals, the Florida First budget provides \$6.8 million to provide rehabilitation and shelter to victims. The projects below will benefit girls and boys who have been traumatized through exploitation:

- Voices for Freedom; Open Doors - \$3.1 million
- Bridging Freedom - \$1.2 million
- Selah Freedom - \$1 million
- Camillus House - \$500,000
- Devereux, Inc.- \$359,000
- Florida Dream Center - \$250,000
- Kristi House - \$200,000
- Place of Hope - \$200,000

**Healthy Families** – The Florida First budget invests \$28 million for Healthy families with an increase of \$2 million over last year, to expand home visiting services for expectant and new parents whose children are at risk of abuse and neglect. Healthy Families is a nationally accredited, evidence-based program that has been proven to reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect. This additional funding will expand the program statewide for the first time in seven years.

**Case and Safety Management Services to Protect Vulnerable Children** – The Florida First Budget invests \$1.3 billion for child welfare services in Florida. This includes an additional \$22.9 million to enhance case and safety management to help protect Florida's most vulnerable youth.

**Guardian ad Litem** – The Florida First budget includes \$46 million, an increase of \$2.8 million over last year, for the statewide Guardian ad Litem program. This increase in

funding will provide legal representation to thousands of children in court cases throughout Florida.

**Maintenance Adoption Subsidies** – The Florida First budget provides an additional \$6.7 million to fully fund the increased number of children with special needs adopted by Florida families.

**Protecting Families from Abuse and Violence** – The Florida First budget provides \$4.7 million for the continued funding of the 27 child advocacy centers statewide that serve victims of child abuse and neglect.

### **Supporting Florida Seniors**

**Medicaid Long Term Care Waitlist** – The Florida First budget provides \$8.1 million to remove over 500 individuals from the long term care waitlist managed by the Department of Elder Affairs.

**Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)** – The Florida First budget provides \$50.5 million for the CCE program. This increase of \$2 million will serve approximately 324 individuals who are at the greatest risk of nursing home placement. The CCE program provides community-based services organized in a continuum of care to help functionally impaired seniors live in the least restrictive environment suitable to their needs.

**Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI)** – The Florida First budget invests \$13.3 million for the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative. The increase of \$1.6 million will provide additional respite services for approximately 133 individuals. The ADI provides caregiver respite services and support to meet the changing needs of individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and similar memory disorders.

### **Florida First for Government Efficiency**

Florida has the lowest number of state workers per capita in the country, and the Florida First budget continues to provide Florida taxpayers with an efficiently run government with a reduction of an additional 270 state positions.

**Efficient Management of State Vehicles** – The Florida First budget invests \$1.7 million to make Florida's state government fleet management one of the most efficient in the nation. Florida owns nearly 25,000 vehicles that are managed through six separate systems. This new system will allow state agencies to better communicate and will more than pay for itself in the first year, saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

**Statewide Travel Management System** – The Florida First budget includes \$4.6 million to implement a standard statewide travel system for state employees. The automated system will standardize the forms and process for state employee travel approval and reimbursements which will result in a more efficient and transparent management of agency travel.

## **MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT** **ON BUDGET ACTION**

For the reasons that follow, I intend to withhold my approval of the following line items in the 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act.

---

### **SECTION 2 - EDUCATION (ALL OTHER FUNDS)**

---

The Florida First budget continues to fund Florida's K-12 schools, state colleges, and state universities at historic levels – all while cutting property taxes for families. Florida's investment in education gives more families a pathway to success through a good education. Additionally, a well-funded education system that is focused on preparing students for jobs when they graduate will allow Florida to be first in the world for jobs and opportunity.

The Florida First budget invests a record \$20.2 billion for K-12 public schools, bringing the per-student funding to \$7,178, the highest ever in Florida's history. The Florida First budget also continues to hold the line on tuition and funds Florida's state colleges and universities at \$1.2 billion and \$4.7 billion, respectively. Also, to increase the quality of education at our state higher education institutions, the Florida First budget includes \$60 million for colleges and \$500 million for universities in performance funding. This funding rewards the colleges and universities that place an emphasis on ensuring students can find a job when they graduate.

The Florida First budget includes many targeted investments aimed to maximize taxpayer investment in education. The following will be vetoed because the projects did not go through the proper vetting process, could be funded through record K-12 investments, has no demonstrable statewide impact, or was duplicated in other areas of the budget:

---

#### **The following projects are vetoed because they were not on the Florida College System's facility list.**

Specific Appropriation 21

Page 7

"Center for Innovation Technology Education (CITE).....	14,992,044"
"Replacement of Collier Campus External Foam Insulation System EFIS.....	8,000,000"
"South Shore Campus.....	3,000,000"

#### **The following project is vetoed because the project was not identified as a priority of the college this year.**

"PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE

Construct Performing Arts Education Center.....	11,000,000"
---	-------------

#### **The following project is vetoed because a total project cost has not been established.**

Specific Appropriation 22  
Pages 7 and 8

"Land Acquisition..... 8,000,000"

**The following projects are vetoed because they were not identified as a priority of the university this year.**

"Engineering Building I Renovation..... 3,600,000  
Interdisciplinary Research and Incubator Facility..... 4,661,485"

**The following is vetoed because details regarding the program were not provided.**

Specific Appropriation 33  
Page 10

"Community Based Supported Employment..... 114,723"

**The following is vetoed because there is not a clear statewide return on investment.**

Specific Appropriation 78A  
Page 16

"78A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS  
TRANSFER TO RANDY ROBERTS FOUNDATION  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 200,000"

**The following are vetoed because state law and regulations require all childcare providers to have professional development training, and there are currently multiple professional development training programs funded by the State of Florida. For example, the University of Florida Lastinger Center Online Early Learning Professional Development System and the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Program, as well as programs offered by local Early Learning Coalitions with the support of the Office of Early Learning.**

Specific Appropriation 86  
Pages 18 and 19

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 86, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Miami Children's Museum's to establish the Professional Development School Readiness Institute for teaching early learning professionals effective engagement strategies for economically disadvantaged preschool children and their families.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 86, \$350,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Business and Leadership Institute for Early Learning to: (1) expand and market an early learning childcare industry training program for early learning centers and home-based business owners, operators and administrators and (2) develop an on-line curriculum and education program, including a platform for business planning, which includes the essentials necessary to open and operate a quality childcare center or home-based childcare business in Florida."

**The following is vetoed because child care services for low income families are funded in the School Readiness and Head Start programs and details regarding the program were not provided.**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 86, \$297,250 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Paradise Christian School for

Head Start Federal Match. These funds shall be used to continue Head Start services for children with a disability or from households in poverty."

**The following is vetoed because several local Early Learning Coalitions currently support existing Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) efforts, therefore, all counties should have the ability to fund similar programs.**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 86, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for Guiding Stars of Duval County."

**The following is vetoed because child care services for low income families are funded in the School Readiness and Head Start programs, and there is no identifiable statewide impact.**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 86, \$861,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for Hollywood Childcare Scholarships to provide childcare scholarships to families whose household income is at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) by family size."

**The following is vetoed because funds are for the construction of a private facility and not for services. The budget includes \$509,000 in operating funding for the ARC Gateway Pearl Nelson Child Development Center in Specific Appropriation 86.**

Specific Appropriation 93A  
 Page 21

"93A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY FACILITY REPAIRS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . .	3,000,000
--	-----------

The funds in Specific Appropriation 93A are provided to the Arc Gateway for construction of the Pearl Nelson Child Development Center to meet the educational and therapeutic needs of children who are identified as having developmental delays or a disability."

**The following project is vetoed because there is \$80 million provided for public school technology in the state education budget.**

Specific Appropriation 110  
 Pages 28 and 29

"Public School Technology..... 1,561,433"

"Funds in Specific Appropriation 110 for Public School Technology are provided to the following school districts for the acquisition of devices based on the requirements of section 1001.20(4)(a)1.b., Florida Statutes, to enable each district to administer the Florida Standards Assessments to an entire grade at the same time.

Miami-Dade.....	54,322
Hillsborough.....	1,371,616
Volusia.....	132,895
Washington Special.....	2,600"

**The following is vetoed because school districts have the ability through historic funding (\$7,178 per pupil) to implement this program.**

Specific Appropriation 111

Pages 29 and 30

"Benchmark and Intervention/Student and Teacher Support..... 1,500,000"

"Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 111 for the Benchmark and Intervention/Student and Teacher Support are provided to help prepare students for college and career success. In an effort to improve teaching and learning, students and teachers will have access, when they so choose, to courseware to benchmark competency levels and prepare students to master the Florida Standards on subjects measured by state required end-of-course exams. The department shall contract with a provider to deliver an innovative online program that is highly engaging, fun and relevant to the current generation of students, utilizes technology enhanced items, and measures student mastery on a standard specific basis. The program shall also include content to support positive behavioral intervention strategies and be available to public, private, charter and home school students and must be assessable by teachers and students by November 1, 2016. An independent evaluation shall be conducted to determine program effectiveness."

**The following are vetoed because there is no identifiable statewide impact and school districts have the ability through historic funding (\$7,178 per pupil) to implement these programs.**

"Breakthrough Miami..... 650,000"

"City Year..... 500,000

College Prep & STEM Programs for Girls..... 25,000

Coral Gables Museum Green City Program..... 200,000"

**The following is vetoed because the project does not provide a core education mission, there is no identifiable statewide impact, and school districts have the ability through historic funding (\$7,178 per pupil) to implement this program.**

"Eight in Eighth..... 250,000"

**The following is vetoed because the project does not provide a core education mission and there is no identifiable statewide impact.**

"Florida Venture Foundation..... 125,000"

**The following are vetoed because the projects do not provide a core education mission, there is no identifiable statewide impact, and school districts have the ability through historic funding (\$7,178 per pupil) to implement these programs.**

"I Am A Leader Foundation..... 250,000"

"Minority Male Initiative..... 400,000"

**The following is vetoed because details regarding the program were not provided.**

"Moore-Mickens Education Vocation Center..... 250,000"

**The following is vetoed because there is no identifiable statewide impact.**

"Palm Beach County Library System Online Tutor Assistance.... 74,000"

**The following is vetoed because school districts have the ability through historic funding (\$7,178 per pupil) to implement this program.**

"Pinellas Education Foundation-Career Path Planning..... 250,000"

**The following is vetoed because there is no identifiable statewide impact.**

"Summer Job Skills and Coding Internship Program..... 50,000"

**The following is vetoed because there is no identifiable statewide impact and school districts have the ability through historic funding (\$7,178 per pupil) to implement this program.**

"Take Charge Foundation College Ready..... 300,000"

**The following is vetoed because it gives state funds to a local archaeological site for construction enhancements and does not provide a core education mission.**

Specific Appropriation 114B

Page 32

"Margate Blount Archaeological Site..... 285,000"

**The following is vetoed because there is not a clear statewide return on investment and these funds are for the construction of a private facility. Among other funding, there is a guaranteed allocation of \$1.1 billion for Exceptional Student Education in Specific Appropriations 7 and 94 and \$71.2 million was appropriated in Chapter 2016-2, Laws of Florida, for the Gardiner Scholarship Program.**

"North Florida School of Special Education Expansion Project. 2,000,000"

**The following is vetoed because school districts have existing capital funds available and there is not a clear statewide return on investment.**

"Pinellas Education Foundation-Career Path Planning..... 250,000"

**The following is vetoed because the program provides duplicative services as those provided through the Adult Basic Education Program offered statewide, which assists adults with becoming literate and obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency and assists them in the completion of a secondary education.**

Specific Appropriation 124

Page 35

"Hispanic Federation Adult Education Program..... 250,000"

**The following is vetoed because the funding is duplicative of already provided statewide services in the Health and Human Services budget.**

Specific Appropriation 146

Page 44

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 146, \$750,000 in general revenue funds is provided to the Foundation for Healthy Floridians to provide physicians information for their patients for case management/medication compliance education for type II or other chronic illness in low income or underserved areas to encourage healthy living as a key component to reduce health care costs."

---

### **SECTION 3 - HUMAN SERVICES**

---

The Florida First budget continues to protect Florida's most vulnerable citizens and allows them to receive the support needed to be productive members of their communities. Last year, Governor Scott signed two executive orders aimed at improving Florida's mental healthcare system. The Florida First budget contains various programs aimed to treat those dealing with mental health issues in their communities instead of institutions. This targeted approach will improve the coordination of care to help those suffering from mental illness. The Florida First budget also builds on Governor Scott's commitment to protecting Florida's most vulnerable children by investing more money into the child welfare system, including case management services, the Guardian ad Litem program and child advocacy centers statewide. The Florida First budget invests more money to keep employees and staff safe at Florida's state mental health treatment facilities including funding for new staff, video surveillance equipment, medication dispensing devices, and personal alarm systems.

For the third year in a row, the Florida First budget completely eliminates the critical needs waitlist managed by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. In order to ensure that all Floridians have the opportunity to live independent, healthy lives, the Florida First budget:

- Invests \$1.3 billion in the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and provides \$39 million to remove more than 1,400 individuals from the waitlist;
- Supports dental services for individuals with developmental disabilities with \$1 million provided to The Arc of Florida;
- Invests \$1.3 million to provide for maintenance and repairs at Billy Joe Rish Park in northwest Florida;
- Provides \$500,000 for job placement and training for individuals with developmental disabilities on the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waitlist;
- Includes \$150,000 for ventilated quadriplegic workforce program that will connect these individuals with meaningful jobs;
- Provides \$10.2 million for additional staff and safety enhancements at state mental health treatment facilities;
  - Invests \$7.1 million for 80 additional staff at mental health treatment facilities;
  - Invests \$3.1 million for video cameras, updated medication dispensing equipment and personal alarm devices at state mental health treatment facilities;
- Supports \$2.8 million in new funding to implement evidence-based practices for treating a parent's mental health and substance abuse disorders that put children at risk;
- Invests an additional \$3.75 million in new funding to add five new additional Community Actions Treatment teams to areas in need;
- Provides \$1.5 million to expand FACT teams to Putnam and St. Johns counties;

- Provides \$3.5 million for Transition Vouchers that help transition individuals with mental health needs from facilities back to their communities so they can get the skills, support and training needed to lead productive and independent lives;
- Expands the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Grant program for \$6.1 million;
- Invests \$3.3 million to create five new pilot programs to allow individuals charged with a lesser felony and who have a non-violent history to be served in their communities instead of an institution;
- Invests \$20.4 million in additional funding for care coordination and transition services for families involved in the child welfare system and adults dealing with mental illness;
- Provides \$6.8 million to provide rehabilitation and shelter to human trafficking victims.

The budget makes targeted investments to improve the health and wellbeing of Floridians. The following items will be vetoed:

**The following is vetoed because it is an attempt by an insurer to pass on the costs of a federal tax under Obamacare back onto state and federal taxpayers.**

Specific Appropriation 175  
Page 48

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 175, \$9,016 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$200,648 in nonrecurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided to DentaQuest to cover costs associated with the Health Insurance Tax on Managed Care rates as mandated by the Affordable Care Act.

**The following is vetoed because it is an attempt by an insurer to pass on the costs of a federal tax under Obamacare back onto state and federal taxpayers.**

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 175, \$8,157 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$181,538 in nonrecurring funds from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided to MCNA Dental to cover costs associated with the Health Insurance Tax on Managed Care rates as mandated by the Affordable Care Act."

**The following is vetoed because it is for staff training and not for services. The Florida First Budget invests \$1.3 billion in funding for individuals with developmental disabilities.**

Specific Appropriation 258  
Page 63

"Mailman Center for Child Development..... 800,000"

**The following is vetoed because these services are funded through the Medicaid Program at more than \$100 million, Specific Appropriation 225.**

"Our Children's Academy Therapy Services..... 200,000"

**The following is vetoed because it is not for services and is for construction at a private facility.**

Specific Appropriation 261B  
Page 65

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 261B, \$400,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the City of Hialeah Gardens to provide water therapy for individuals with unique abilities."

**The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is for the construction of a private facility.**

Specific Appropriation 261C

Page 65

"261C GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND  
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
BRANDON SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTER FOR  
INDIVIDUALS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 750,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 261C, \$750,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Brandon Sports and Aquatic Center for individuals with unique abilities."

**The following is vetoed because childcare services for low-income families are provided through the School Readiness Program funded in Specific Appropriation 87.**

Specific Appropriation 330

Pages 74 and 75

"City of Hollywood Community Development Department - Day care scholarships for the Liberia and Washington Park neighborhoods..... 200,000"

**The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is for the construction of a private facility for the provision of child welfare services. These services are funded through Community Based Care organizations at more than \$800 million, Specific Appropriation 342.**

Specific Appropriation 342B

Page 78

"342B GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND  
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
KIDS HOUSE OF SEMINOLE  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 300,000

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 342B, the nonrecurring sum of \$300,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Kids House of Seminole for the planning, design, and new construction of a facility providing child welfare services."

**The following is vetoed because this duplicates funding the facility receives for statewide graduate medical education programs.**

Specific Appropriation 388

Pages 84 and 85

"Citrus Health - Graduate medical education in psychiatry... 350,000"

**The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.**

"Florida Certification Board - Expansion of training center.. 300,000"

**The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.**

"Florida Certification Board - Credentialing Program for Recovery Residence Administrators..... 100,000"

**The following is vetoed because more than \$27.4 million is available for these services through the Children’s Action Teams (CAT) and Family Intensive Teams (FIT), Specific Appropriations 382 and 385.**

"Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare - Behavioral health services..... 250,000"

**The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is for the construction of a private facility.**

Specific Appropriation 396A

Page 85

"396A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY GATEWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 200,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 396A, the nonrecurring sum of \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Gateway Community Services for the construction and renovation of buildings and patient rooms."

**The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is for the construction of a private facility. Funding is available in the amount of \$17.2 million for these services, Specific Appropriation 382.**

Specific Appropriation 396B

Page 86

"396B GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY AGAPE NETWORK - SPECIALIZED THERAPEUTIC GROUP CAMPS FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 245,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 396B, the nonrecurring sum of \$245,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Agape Network for the renovation of a building to provide Specialized Therapeutic Group Camps."

**The following is vetoed because this is the only program of its kind that did not provide a return on investment as requested in the letter from the Governor’s Director of the Office of Policy and Budget, dated July 20, 2015.**

Specific Appropriation 413

Page 88

"Little Havana Activities Center - Local Services Program.... 50,000"

**The following is vetoed because a senior hotline is funded through the Department of Elder Affairs in the amount of \$4.5 million, Specific Appropriation 411.**

Specific Appropriation 415

Pages 88 and 89

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 415, \$50,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue fund is provided to the Villa Serena Group in Miami-Dade County to provide a consumer referral program for indigent persons needing a placement in an assisted living facility. The program will provide information and referral to assisted living facilities in Miami-Dade County and shall provide a report by June 30, 2017, to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to document the program's activities and make recommendations to assist indigent person's needing care in an assisted living facility."

**The following is vetoed because this provider already receives the statewide Medicaid rate for these services and this amount would represent more than a 50 percent increase in the Medicaid rate for only this provider.**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 415, \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for United Home Care Assisted Living Facility - Miami Dade to provide subsidized residency to low-income elders."

**The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is for the construction of a private facility for the provision of services to seniors. Funding for services to seniors is currently provided through the Department of Elder Affairs at more than \$300 million.**

Specific Appropriation 419B

Pages 89 and 90

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 419B, \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Violeta Duenas Senior Center."

**The following is vetoed because these services are funded through the Medicaid Program at more than \$100 million, Specific Appropriation 225.**

Specific Appropriation 466

Pages 95 and 96

"Teen Xpress..... 350,000"

**The following is vetoed because funding for these services is available through The ARC of Florida Dental Program, in the amount of \$1 million, Specific Appropriation 258, and through the Florida Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program.**

"Florida Donated Dental Services..... 170,000"

**The following is vetoed because these services are funded through the Medicaid Program at more than \$100 million, Specific Appropriation 225.**

"Keys Area Health Education Center..... 100,000"

**The following is vetoed because this program is eligible for special federal funding and General Revenue funding within the Department of Health as a federally-qualified health center in the amount of \$9 million, Specific Appropriation 521A.**

"Banyan Community Health Center - Primary Care Services..... 500,000"

**The following is vetoed because funding for this program is available through the Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics within the Department of Health in the amount of \$10 million, Specific Appropriation 466.**

"St. John Bosco Clinic..... 200,000"

**The following is vetoed because funding is available through the Primary Care Grant Program in the Agency for Health Care Administration in the amount \$28.5 million, Section 25 of the General Appropriations Act.**

"Primary Care Access - Manatee, Sarasota and Desoto Counties. 1,500,000"

**The following is vetoed because this program is eligible for special federal funding and General Revenue funding within the Department of Health as a federally-qualified health center in the amount of \$9 million, Specific Appropriation 521A.**

"Miami Beach Community Health Center - North Dental Center... 500,000"

**The following is vetoed because it is not a statewide priority for improving cost, quality and access in healthcare.**

"The Villages Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Project.. 200,000"

**The following is vetoed because Florida International University (FIU) has a fully operating health center on campus and funding is available for the FIU Mobile Medical Center through the Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics within the Department of Health in the amount of \$10 million, Specific Appropriation 466.**

"Florida International University - Telemedicine and Student Health Services..... 200,000"

**The following is vetoed because a total of \$27 million is available through the Statewide Healthy Start Program, Specific Appropriation 467.**

Specific Appropriation 467

Page 96

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 467, \$100,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Hillsborough Healthy Start Coalition."

**The following are vetoed because they are biomedical research funding projects allocated on an uncompetitive basis to institutions not affiliated with academic institutions in the state. Direct appropriations to these entities would also not provide the appropriate safeguards on taxpayer investment that is provided in the Department of Economic Opportunity vetting process.**

Specific Appropriation 472A

Page 97

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 472A, \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies."

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 472A, \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Scripps Research Institute - Scripps Florida."

**The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is for the construction of a private facility.**

Specific Appropriation 481A  
Pages 98 and 99

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 481A, \$3,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida to construct a primary healthcare facility in the Golden Gate community."

**The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is to fund training through round table discussions.**

Specific Appropriation 544  
Page 107

"Guardian Hands Foundation..... 50,000"

---

**SECTION 4 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS**

---

Florida's crime rate is at a 44-and-a-half-year low and because of the work of Florida's law enforcement officers, Florida families are safe and visitors can enjoy a world class vacation when they visit Florida. Also, juvenile delinquency has significantly decreased, with a 32 percent reduction in youth arrested over the last five years. Governor Scott also recognizes that evidence-based diversionary and reentry programs help to reduce recidivism. His emphasis on such programs has helped to reduce Florida's recidivism rate to 25.7 percent – an all-time low. This translates into fewer crime victims and safer neighborhoods.

In order to continue these positive trends, the Florida First budget invests in the following:

- Provides the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) the needed resources to expedite the testing of Florida's backlog on rape testing kits. This comprehensive \$10.7 million approach, includes funding for FDLE's plan to eliminate the backlog over three years;
- Provides \$12.2 million to hire an additional 215 correctional officers to make Florida's prisons safer for the staff, inmates, and communities;
- Provides \$17 million for critical maintenance and repair of prison facilities;
- Invests \$12.5 million in reentry and vocational programs with proven results to reduce the number of inmates going back to prison;
- Provides an increase of \$4 million in evidence-based prevention services for a total of \$77 million.

The following will be vetoed for the reasons articulated below:

**The following is vetoed because the project was not subjected to any process to validate the program as a comprehensive evidence-based model.**

Specific Appropriation 604

Pages 115 and 116

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 604, \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for a resource allocation analytics project for the purpose of analyzing and mitigating inmate deaths and reducing recidivism rates by consolidating, cleansing and analyzing data to measure behavior, improve outcomes, and make data driven decisions on how to best utilize resources. The Department of Corrections shall submit a report on the current status of the project to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee. The report shall list all performance measures and indicate whether the contractor is meeting each measure and is due by February 1, 2017."

**The following is vetoed because the project was not subjected to any process to validate the program as a comprehensive evidence-based model.**

Specific Appropriation 638

Page 119

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 638, \$200,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Department of Corrections to implement an inmate tracking pilot project at Lowell Correctional Institution. The pilot project must use a tracking system that includes technology, such as a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag embedded in clothing, to enable real-time identification of the location of inmates. Additionally, the tracking system used in the pilot project must include the capability to store and retrieve historical inmate location data."

**The following is vetoed because it duplicates resources already provided by the Department of Corrections.**

Specific Appropriation 690

Page 126

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 690, \$1,500,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Department of Corrections to obtain and use a commercial off-the-shelf workforce scheduling and management solution for its security operations workforce. The solution must interface with the department's time and attendance system and the People First system in order to maximize the efficiency of workforce scheduling and management."

**The following is vetoed because the project was not subjected to any process to validate the program as a comprehensive evidence-based model.**

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 690, \$400,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Department of Corrections to procure and implement a job candidate assessment tool. The assessment tool shall be administered to all new job applicants applying for a correctional officer or correctional probation officer position who meet initial screening requirements developed by the department. Implementation of the assessment tool shall include

development of profiles of the behavioral and cognitive traits of the department's best performers for the type of position that is sought. The assessment tool shall identify each job applicant's behavioral and cognitive traits and compare those traits with the profiles of the best performers. The purpose of the assessment tool is to identify job applicants whose behavioral and cognitive traits are compatible with those of successful department employees in order to improve employee retention and reduce training costs due to high employee turnover."

**The following is vetoed because felony probation supervision is the statutory responsibility of the Department of Corrections.**

Specific Appropriation 714

Page 128

"From funds in Specific Appropriation 714, \$300,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Department of Corrections to contract with the University of Florida to develop recommendations and a plan by which the State of Florida can transfer responsibility for community supervision of felony offenders to the Sheriff of each county. The plan shall include: 1) a timeline for transition; 2) a specific mechanism to address statewide management issues; and 3) costs necessary to implement the plan. The University of Florida shall provide a report detailing the recommendations and plan for implementation of a county sheriff based probation system to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee by February 1, 2017. The department shall provide the University of Florida any requested information and assistance necessary to complete the report."

**The following are vetoed because the projects were not subjected to any process to validate the program as a comprehensive evidence-based model that would ensure successful outcomes for inmates reintegrating back into the community.**

Specific Appropriation 750

Pages 132 through 134

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 750, \$100,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Hope City Center for operation of a reentry program to assist adult female ex-offenders with successful transition back into the Broward County community after release from incarceration."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 750, \$400,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Gadsden County Jail Faith Behind Bars reentry program. The Gadsden County Jail Faith Behind Bars reentry program provides pre-release activities such as substance abuse counseling, anger management, employment skills, drug and alcohol awareness education, family counseling, job search training, GED preparation, and horticultural training. The reentry program partners with the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce to connect inmates with employment opportunities following release.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 750, \$750,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to implement the Florida

HIRE pilot program which will include online diagnostic assessments to benchmark inmate foundational work readiness skills prior to release; online career planning and exploration resources including a resume builder and budgeting calculator; a resulting personalized career pathway plan for each inmate; online training to support development of the core communication, problem solving and soft / life skills commonly required for employment; online summative assessments to validate mastery of foundational work readiness skills, resulting in a Florida HIRE branded, employer-recognized credential certifying program completion in advance of release; automated referrals to community based providers for post-release reentry social services, career coaching and placement services; and fully integrated data collection and reporting system to track project outcomes. The project will target approximately 5,000 inmates in up to five facilities in Duval County (Jacksonville); Orange County (Orlando) and Tampa-Bradenton (Hillsborough/Manatee).

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 750, \$228,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the Lake County Reentry Program to provide coordination of support services in order to reduce criminal activity and recidivism by adult offenders returning to the Lake County community after incarceration."

**The following is vetoed because \$5.5 million in funding for services related to youth at risk of commitment is provided in the Department of Juvenile Justice's budget.**

Specific Appropriation 1110

Pages 179 and 180

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1110, \$750,000 in recurring general revenue funds is provided for Parenting with Love and Limits (PLL) to support three PLL teams located in the northern region, central region and the southern region of the state."

**The following is vetoed because \$36 million in funding for services related to youth at risk for further delinquency is provided in the Department of Juvenile Justice's budget, which includes funding for AMI Kids.**

Specific Appropriation 1113

Page 180

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1113, \$1,100,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for AMI Kids to provide home-based family counseling and intervention to address issues that may be causing delinquent behavior. The target demographic is youth aged 11-18 at risk for delinquency, violence, substance abuse, conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, or disruptive behavior disorder. The department shall submit a report on the current status of the project or program to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee. The report shall list all performance measures and indicate whether the contractor is meeting each measure and is due by February 1, 2017."

**The following is vetoed because the project was not requested by the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

Specific Appropriation 1122

Page 181

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1122, \$400,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds shall be used for a juvenile assessment center in Broward County."

**The following are vetoed because they were not subjected to any process to validate that the programs would utilize evidence-based prevention programming with proven outcomes to prevent at-risk youth from entering the juvenile justice system or because the programs are not for services and are for the construction of a private facility.**

Specific Appropriation 1170

Pages 185 and 186

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1170, \$100,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc. (CDC of Tampa) to provide work readiness training, skills training, job placement, and mentoring for youth in the Tampa Bay area.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1170, \$1,500,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program to provide front end diversion interventions for at risk youth, children, and families in Brevard County.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1170, \$200,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the City of West Park to provide services to school-aged youth in order to reduce truancy and involvement in criminal activity. The services must include academic assistance and enhancement activities as well as opportunities for positive engagement in the community."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1170, \$444,876 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc. in Brevard County to improve youth services by replacing aging equipment and repair facilities in facilities operated by Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc. The requested funds are to be spent on IT infrastructure and communication, vehicles, and shelter furniture."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1170, \$250,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to My Children's Keeper to target fatherlessness and youth gun violence in St. Petersburg."

**The following is vetoed because the program is not for services and is for the construction of a private facility.**

Specific Appropriation 1174A

Page 187

"1174A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY REPAIR AND REPLACE BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . .	175,124
--	---------

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1174A, \$175,124 in

nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc. in Brevard County for HVAC systems and flooring replacement."

**The following is vetoed because it was not requested by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or any other law enforcement agency and it is unclear whom the recipient of the funds would be.**

Specific Appropriation 1224

Pages 192 and 193

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1224, \$50,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Department of Law Enforcement to support the Florida Cold Case Task Force."

**The following is vetoed because purchasing equipment for the city is the responsibility of local government.**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1224, \$100,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the City of Lauderdale Lakes for installation of emergency phone towers with fixed cameras in public places as part of the city's Virtual Policing Innovation Project."

**The following is vetoed because funding for local law enforcement is the responsibility of local government.**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1224, \$400,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Broward Sheriff's Office for enhancement of its Violence Intervention Pro-Active Enforcement Response Team (V.I.P.E.R.). This program will implement new intelligence-led policing approaches through additional staff, equipment, and analytical resources to specifically target activities of known violent felons. The gauge of the effectiveness of the new approaches will be whether there is a significant, measurable decrease in violent crime rates in Broward County. The Broward Sheriff's Office shall provide a report on the effectiveness of the program to the Department of Law Enforcement, chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and chair of the House Appropriations Committee by February 1, 2017."

**The following is vetoed because the purchase of property for a new jail is the responsibility of local government.**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1224, \$500,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to DeSoto County for acquisition of property and design of a new county jail."

**The following is vetoed because funding for local law enforcement services is the responsibility of local government.**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1224, \$100,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Hollywood Police Department for the purpose of teaching seniors how to avoid identity theft and to protect seniors from victimization by identity thieves through enforcement."

**The following is vetoed because the project did not go through the prescribed process for the establishment of a law enforcement training facility.**

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1224, \$50,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the construction of the Central Florida Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Training Facility."

---

**SECTION 5 - NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/GROWTH  
MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION**

---

Florida is home to the world's best beaches, beautiful freshwater springs, and the world's most unique ecosystem, the Everglades. The Florida First budget meets Governor Scott's goal to protect these natural resources to ensure they can be enjoyed by Floridians and visitors for years to come. Through beach nourishment projects, springs restoration projects, and hundreds of millions of dollars dedicated to Florida's Everglades, the Florida First budget demonstrates Governor Scott's commitment to keep Florida the most beautiful state in the nation.

To continue this commitment, the Florida First budget:

- Provides more than \$188 million for Everglades restoration projects. Much of this funding will provide relief from the harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee caused by the federal government's failure to repair the Herbert Hoover Dike;
- Provides \$50 million in funding for springs protection and restoration projects;
- Provides \$110 million in increased land management and new land acquisition;
- Provides \$24 million for repairs and improvements to the Florida State Park System;
- Invests \$32 million for beach and dune restoration and nourishment;
- Provides \$172.2 million for the construction of wastewater treatment and stormwater management systems;
- Provides \$104 million for the construction of drinking water systems;
- Invests \$61.6 million for local water projects to enhance water resources;
- Invests \$20.2 million in citrus research and programs to protect Florida's citrus industry.

The budget, as passed by the Legislature, includes earmarked appropriations that may inhibit the ability to dedicate future funds to preserve Florida's natural resources. The following will be vetoed:

**The following is vetoed because these types of projects are more appropriately supported by funding from the water management districts or through the \$51 million in Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection funding.**

Specific Appropriation 1344A

Page 208

"1344A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

PASSIVE DISPERSED WATER STORAGE

FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND . .

4,000,000"

**The following is vetoed because it was not identified as a top agency priority by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.**

Specific Appropriation 1354B

Page 209

"1354B FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS - HEATING,  
VENTILATION, AND AIR-CONDITIONING - DOYLE  
CONNER BUILDING  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 900,000"

**The following is vetoed because it was not identified as a top agency priority by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.**

Specific Appropriation 1354D

Page 210

"1354D FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS - LABORATORY  
COMPLEX - LEON COUNTY  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 536,450"

**The following is vetoed because it was not identified as a top agency priority by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.**

Specific Appropriation 1354E

Page 210

"1354E FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
REPAIR/REPLACEMENT/RENOVATIONS -  
DIAGNOSTIC LABS  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 300,000"

**The following is vetoed because it is not necessary for the core mission of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.**

Specific Appropriation 1369A

Page 211

"1369A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND  
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
GRANTS AND AIDS - FLORIDA ENERGY SYSTEMS  
CONSORTIUM (FESC)  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 500,000"

**The following is vetoed because conservation efforts of this type are better handled through land acquisition processes.**

Specific Appropriation 1379B

Page 212

"1379B SPECIAL CATEGORIES  
PRIVATE LAND OWNER COST SHARE ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM  
FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND . . . . . 5,000,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1379B, \$2,000,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund is provided for pine reforestation directed at converting high nutrient or water

intensive agricultural operations to pine forest land within priority focus areas for "Outstanding Florida Springs" as defined in section 24 of chapter 2016-1, Laws of Florida. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall consult with the Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts on identifying conversion opportunities with the highest water resource benefit."

**The following are vetoed because these projects did not go through, or are low ranking on, the established competitive review process where projects of this type are ranked and recommended by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services based on measurable and positive outcomes, pursuant to s. 288.1175, F.S.**

Specific Appropriation 1442B

Pages 219 and 220

"Central Florida Fair Livestock Pavilion.....	300,000
Hardee County Cattlemen's Arena.....	300,000
Hendry County Fair and Livestock Show, Inc.....	500,000
Hillsborough County Fair.....	500,000"
"Manatee River Fair-Exhibit Hall.....	450,000"
"Southeastern Livestock Pavilion.....	999,024"
"Walton County Fair and Agricultural Education Building.....	400,000"

**The following is vetoed because it could more appropriately be funded through other sources.**

Specific Appropriation 1449A

Page 221

"1449A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 632,970"

**The following is vetoed because it was not identified as a top agency priority by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.**

Specific Appropriation 1471A

Page 223

"1471A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS - IRRADIATOR

FACILITY GAINESVILLE

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 650,000"

**The following is vetoed as investments in educational facilities should be determined through the established education funding opportunities for Florida colleges and universities.**

Specific Appropriation 1471D

Page 223

"1471D GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND

NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE GREENHOUSE AND

SCIENCE LABORATORIES

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 750,000"

**The following is vetoed because the project was not requested through the Department of Environmental Protection.**

Specific Appropriation 1529A

Pages 229 and 230

"1529A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

COASTAL MAPPING AND CORNER RESTORATION

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 1,500,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1529A are provided to the Bureau of Surveying and Mapping to be used to fulfill its statutory responsibilities under chapter 177, parts II and III, Florida Statutes."

**The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established statutory review process for land acquisition.**

Specific Appropriation 1535A

Page 230

1535A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND

NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

HELENA RUN PRESERVE

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 600,000

**The following is vetoed because it circumvents the established review process, such as that for the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program.**

Specific Appropriation 1586A

Page 236

"1586A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

TRANSFER TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - CITY OF LAUDERHILL

PARKWAY PARK / NORTH FORK OF NEW RIVER

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 850,000

The funds in Specific Appropriation 1586A are provided to the South Florida Water Management District for the design of a new linear parkway park along the North Fork of the New River to connect the greenway system in the City of Lauderhill. The South Florida Water Management District shall begin project design no later than October 1, 2016."

**The following is vetoed because it was not subjected to the established statewide review process for land acquisition.**

Specific Appropriation 1589A

Page 237

"1589A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND

NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

AID TO WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS-LAND

ACQUISITION

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 1,500,000

The funds in Specific Appropriation 1589A are provided to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the Heritage Lake Estates Conservation Easement in Pasco County for flood protection."

**One of Florida’s most important resources is water. The Department of Environmental Protection and the state’s five water management districts provide funding to protect the quality and quantity of Florida’s water supply. These agencies work to ensure that Floridians’ tax dollars are spent in a manner that will provide a demonstrable improvement statewide through an open and public process. While some water projects may also contribute to a statewide objective, not all projects demonstrate an ability to clearly contribute to a statewide investment. The following projects are vetoed because they did not provide a clear return for the investment.**

Specific Appropriation 1600A

Pages 239 through 242

"Apollo Beach Waterway Improvement.....	100,000"
"Aventura NE 191st Street Stormwater Retrofits.....	300,000
Bal Harbour Village Stormwater System Improvements.....	500,000"
"Brevard County-Brevard Zoo-Florida Institute of Technology - Restoring Natural Filtration Systems.....	700,000"
"Cape Coral Catch Basin Replacement.....	350,000"
"Coconut Creek Wastewater Pipe Rehabilitation Project.....	100,000"
"Coral Springs Stormwater Improvements at Corporate Park.....	100,000"
"Cutler Bay Point Royal Water Quality Improvement.....	200,000"
"Dania Beach Water Main Replacement.....	200,000"
"Deltona Lower Floridan Aquifer Water Treatment Plant - Final Design.....	300,000"
"Doral Stormwater Improvements at Sub-Basin H-8.....	750,000"
"El Portal Septic to Sewer Project.....	200,000"
"Eustis East Wastewater Plant Expansion.....	750,000"
"Florida City Krome Avenue Water Line.....	113,425
Fort Lauderdale River Oaks Preserve.....	500,000
Fort Lauderdale Stormwater Drainage Program.....	500,000"
"Hendry County Wastewater Infrastructure on US27-SR80 - Phase Two.....	250,000
Hernando County Hunter's Lake Clean-up.....	200,000"
"Hollywood Water Main Replacement.....	200,000"
"Indian River County Pilot Aquatic Plant-Based Pollutant Removal System Project.....	150,000"

"Jacksonville Arboretum Stormwater Improvement.....	250,000"
"Key Biscayne K-8 Stormwater Improvement Phase 1.....	525,000"
"Lantana ICW Subaqueous Water Main Crossing Replacement Project.....	350,000
Lantana Lift Stations 1, 3, 4, & 9 Electrical Upgrades.....	150,000"
"Lauderhill Lift Station 2 Rehabilitation Project.....	250,000"
"Lee County Lakes Park Littoral Zone Project.....	200,000"
"Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative.....	1,050,000"
"Mangrove Park Water Quality and Access Improvements.....	800,000"
"Margate Lemon Tree Lake Water Quality Improvement Project... Margate Sewer Piping Rehabilitation Phase II.....	100,000 200,000"
"Mary Esther Masterlift Station.....	1,000,000"
"Miami Lakes West Lakes Drainage Improvements Phase B, C, and D.....	400,000
Miami Springs Study, Erosion Control and Stabilization of Drainage Canals.....	700,000"
"Miami-Dade Water Service Connections.....	452,977"
"Mount Dora Britt Road Reclaimed Water Extension.....	500,000"
"New Smyrna Beach - Isleboro Stormwater Master Plan.....	250,000"
"North Miami Arch Creek North/South Drainage Improvements - Basin C.....	696,750
North Miami Beach 19th Avenue Business District Sewering....	350,000"
"Oakland Park Mainstreet Drainage Improvement.....	225,000"
"Orange County Central Florida Regional Water Supply Booster Pump Station.....	150,000"
"Ormond Beach Laurel Creek and Wilmette Ave. Stormwater Pump Station Improvements.....	351,000
Ormond Beach S. Peninsula Reclaimed Water Main Extension....	500,000"
"Palm Beach Gardens Stormwater Maintenance Repairs And Operations Program.....	300,000
Palm Coast WTP#2 Wellfield Expansion.....	200,000
Palmetto Bay Drainage Sub-Basin 59-60.....	250,000"

"Pembroke Park John P. Lyons Lane Stormwater Pumping Station Project.....	200,000"
"Plant City Stormwater Asset Management Plan.....	500,000"
"Royal Palm Beach Canal System Rehabilitation Project.....	200,000"
"South Miami Twin Lakes Sanitary Sewer Expansion.....	200,000
Southwest Ranches Country Estates Drainage Improvement Project.....	145,000"
"St. Augustine West Augustine Sewer Expansion.....	200,000"
"Sunny Isles Beach Central Island-Golden Shores Drainage.....	400,000"
"Surfside 92nd St. Seawall Replacement.....	100,000
Sweetwater Phase IIB North Stormwater Improvements.....	186,598
Sweetwater Stormwater Improvements NW 108th Avenue (North) - Phase 1.....	200,000"
"Umatilla Stormwater Master Plan.....	125,000
Umatilla Water System Rehabilitation.....	250,000
Valparaiso Manhole Rehabilitation.....	100,000"
"Walton County Stormwater Improvements on Scenic Highway 30-A (Phase I Design).....	400,000"
"West Miami Potable Phase 1.....	300,000"

**The following is vetoed because the project was not requested through the Department of Environmental Protection's land management programs.**

Specific Appropriation 1604A

Page 243

"1604A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION - MIAMI RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL RIVER RESTORATION FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND . .	150,000"
--	----------

**The following is vetoed because the project was not requested through the Department of Environmental Protection's waste management programs.**

Specific Appropriation 1645A

Page 248

"1645A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY PROCESS WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES FROM NON-MANDATORY LAND RECLAMATION TRUST FUND . . . . .	1,000,000
---	-----------

In order to implement Specific Appropriation 1645A, the Department of Environmental Protection shall utilize funds to develop and implement innovative or novel applied technologies for the long-term removal of

ammoniated process water."

**The following is vetoed because the project was not requested through the Department of Environmental Protection's waste management programs.**

Specific Appropriation 1674A  
Page 251

"1674A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND  
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
GRANTS AND AIDS - MOUNT DORA BIOSOLIDS  
DRYING PROJECT  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 600,000"

**The following are vetoed because the projects were not requested through the Department of Environmental Protection.**

Specific Appropriation 1699A  
Pages 253 and 254

"Bellevue Sportsplex Irrigation..... 500,000  
Friends of Island Parks Discovery Center..... 350,000  
Palmetto Bay Park Girls Softball Fields..... 125,000"  
  
"West Park Water Tower Park..... 150,000"

**The following is vetoed because it was not identified as a high agency priority by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.**

Specific Appropriation 1748A  
Page 258

"1748A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY  
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE DRAINAGE AND  
PARKING LOT REPAIR  
FROM ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND . . . 602,161"

**The following is vetoed because investments in this type of project should be determined through established grant review processes, such as the Boating Improvement Program within the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.**

Specific Appropriation 1758  
Pages 259 and 260

"Lauderdale Lakes Water Pollutant Reduction Boat Ramp System. 250,000"

Department of Transportation

Florida is home to one of the nation's best transportation infrastructure systems. Continued investments in Florida's infrastructure is essential to the state's economic growth. The Florida First budget invests billions of dollars to make Florida First for transportation. By fully funding the Department of Transportation's (DOT) five-year work program for a record \$10 billion, Florida is ensuring that we modernize our transportation system to be the worldwide leader in economic growth. The five year program is locally driven to ensure communities have input in what projects receive state funding.

To continue this commitment, the Florida First budget includes funding for:

- \$29.5 million for Economic Development Transportation Projects (Road Fund)
- \$3.9 billion to expand transportation system capacity, which includes adding 255 new lane miles
- \$571.5 million for resurfacing more than 2,038 lane miles
- \$247.9 million for aviation improvements
- \$739.5 million for scheduled repairs of 48 bridges and replacement of 22 bridges
- \$153.9 million in seaport infrastructure improvements

The budget, as passed by the Legislature, includes earmarked appropriations that may inhibit Florida's infrastructure system to become the worldwide leader in economic growth. The following will be vetoed:

**The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Transportation Work Program's process of evaluating aviation projects, which is funded at \$247.9 million in this budget.**

Specific Appropriation 1858

Page 271

"Treasure Coast International Airport Intermodal Logistics

Design..... 172,500"

**The following is vetoed because the project circumvents the Transportation Work Program evaluation process.**

Specific Appropriation 1859

Page 271

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1859, \$100,000 is provided for the research and development of a proposed fixed-guideway transit opportunity which would connect the South County and Brandon areas of unincorporated Hillsborough County to downtown Tampa."

**The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development evaluation process.**

Specific Appropriation 1863

Page 272

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1863, \$300,000 is provided to Port Manatee in order to purchase a highly flexible, secure, and configurable solution for area situational awareness and incident response in the port. The funds will serve as the cost-sharing requirement for a federal Port Security Grant related to GIS projects."

**The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Transportation Work Program evaluation process.**

Specific Appropriation 1874

Page 273

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1874, \$10,000,000 is provided for Quiet Zone improvements in response to the use of locomotive horns

at highway-rail grade crossings. The Department of Transportation shall create a grant program for quiet zones requested by local agencies to provide funding of up to 50 percent of the nonfederal and nonprivate share of the total costs of any qualifying quiet zone capital improvement project.

The Department of Transportation will coordinate and work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to provide technical support to local agencies in the development of quiet zone plans. Local agencies may apply for grant funds after its quiet zone plan is approved by the department.

The Department of Transportation will monitor crossing incidents at approved quiet zone locations and has the right to revoke a quiet zone at any time if a significant deterioration in safety results from quiet zone implementation."

**The following are vetoed because these projects circumvent the Transportation Work Program evaluation process.**

Specific Appropriation 1895

Page 275

"James E. King, Jr. Trail.....	200,000
High Springs - Newberry Rail Corridor.....	2,000,000"
"Orchard Pond Parkway Trail.....	500,000"

**The following is vetoed because it duplicates services already provided by the Department of Transportation.**

Specific Appropriation 1899

Pages 275 and 276

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation in 1899, \$1,500,000 is provided for the second phase of testing the software video analytics program providing real time, highly accurate land level traffic data with speeds, counts, headway, and classifications to provide data to improve safety for wrong way drivers, hurricane evacuation routes, emergency response and related needs."

**The following are vetoed because the projects circumvent the Economic Development Transportation - Road Fund evaluation process.**

Specific Appropriation 1906

Pages 276 and 277

"North Lauderdale Street Lights.....	100,000
North Lauderdale Sidewalk Replacement.....	100,000
North Lauderdale Street Resurfacing/Kimberly Boulevard.....	200,000"
"Dyal Road Paving.....	258,000
Lake Worth Park of Commerce.....	2,500,000
Pine Hills Road/Silver Star Road Intersection Crosswalk Enhancements.....	150,000
Max Brewer Causeway Beautification.....	800,000"

"City of Coral Springs University Drive Resurfacing.....	300,000"
"St. Johns Ferry Phase II/Jacksonville Ferry.....	1,000,000
15th Street Beautification Project - Riviera Beach.....	450,000"
"City of Cape Coral Sidewalk Safety Project.....	450,000"
"City of Umatilla Roadway Rehabilitation and Paving.....	1,050,000"
"Miami Beach Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and Smart Parking System (SPS).....	750,000
NE 163rd Street/NE 35th Avenue Intersection Improvements - North Miami Beach.....	1,000,000"
"US 1 "Complete Streets", Village of Tequesta.....	300,000"
"Widening of Old Dixie Highway - Nassau County.....	1,500,000"
"Marine Navigability Improvements - Loxahatchee River.....	1,500,000"
"Franklin Street Trail - Ocoee.....	500,000"

**The following is vetoed because it duplicates an ongoing electric vehicle charging station project in several Department of Transportation districts and funding is available through other sources.**

Specific Appropriation 1907

Page 277

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1907, \$225,000 is provided to the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida. The CUTR shall conduct a study evaluating State of Florida infrastructure needed to support various alternative vehicle technologies including electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. The study will provide an overview of the current state of electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicle technologies in the U.S. and Florida. Additionally, recognizing the need to accelerate the development and deployment of electric and hydrogen fuel cell technology, the study will examine the potential for public-private partnerships of electric charging and hydrogen fuel infrastructure and make recommendations for installation of electric charging and hydrogen fueling stations in Florida. The study shall also review the impact of electric and hydrogen fuel cell technology to state gas tax revenues. The study shall be completed and presented in a report to the Legislature and the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services no later than December 31, 2016."

---

## **SECTION 6 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

---

The Florida First budget continues Governor Scott's goal to ensure Florida has the most efficient state workforce in the county while investing in programs to save taxpayer

dollars. The budget also makes important investments to enhance National Guard Armories after Governor Scott's Executive Order this summer following the tragic shooting in Tennessee. This investment in armories has improved their ability to maintain their units to keep guardsmen and women safe, and increased readiness during any emergency. In addition, the budget includes \$43.3 million to address the needs of state owned buildings within the Florida Facilities Pool.

The Florida First budget also invests in the following:

- Invests \$2 million to support job readiness and youth program within the Department of Military Affairs;
- Provides \$2.5 million for public safety communications systems that will allow for interoperability between first responders;
- Provides \$1.7 million to make Florida's state government fleet management one of the most efficient in the nation.

The budget, as passed by the Legislature, includes earmarked appropriations that may inhibit the efficient operation of Florida state government and place a burden on private-sector companies and citizens that would prevent Florida's growth. The following will be vetoed:

**The following is vetoed because the specific media campaign directed is more appropriately addressed by a private association. The appropriation would also reduce the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's flexibility to address and respond to unlicensed activity.**

Specific Appropriation 2013

Page 290

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2013, up to \$100,000 from the Professional Regulation Trust Fund is provided to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to institute an unlicensed activity campaign for the purpose of informing and educating the public: (1) that public accounting is a regulated profession with requirements of licensure pursuant to chapter 473, Florida Statutes; (2) that some services provided by unlicensed individuals, although legal, are regulated when provided by a licensed Florida Certified Public Accountant; and, (3) that certain services may only be performed by a licensed Florida Certified Public Accountant. The department shall develop the campaign in consultation with a corporation that is registered under chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as a not-for-profit corporation and qualified under the Internal Revenue Service Code as a 501(c)(6) corporation, and that represents the largest number of licensed Florida Certified Public Accountants. Any advertising, media, or materials produced as a result of contributions shall carry acknowledgements of joint production and sponsorship. The department may not allocate overhead charges to these unlicensed activity campaign funds."

Department of Economic Opportunity

Florida's economy is growing and is on the path to become first for jobs. In a little over five years, Florida has created more than 1,060,800 private-sector jobs, beating Texas in job creation for the past nine months. Florida has had month-to-month positive private-sector job creation for 66 consecutive months, and Florida's unemployment rate has been cut by more than half since December 2010. Since taking office, Governor Rick Scott has eliminated more than 4,200 regulations to making it easier to do business in Florida. In January, there were over 287,000 job openings in Florida. Florida was ranked second in the country for doing businesses.

The budget, as passed by the Legislature, makes targeted investments to make Florida the best place in the world to get a job. The following will be vetoed:

**The following are vetoed because the projects duplicate services provided through other state programs in Specific Appropriations 125, 2195, and 2230, which are funding for industry certifications, CareerSource Florida, and the Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research.**

Specific Appropriation 2177A

Page 306

"Elements Green Business Incubator Program - Miami Gardens.....	200,000"
"Florida Port Training Program.....	500,000"

**The following are vetoed because the projects circumvent current established grant review processes, or funding is available through other sources.**

Specific Appropriation 2216

Pages 311 and 312

"McTyre Park Cultural Center - City of West Park.....	250,000
Washington Park Security Upgrades - City of Hollywood.....	50,000"
"Jacksonville Downtown Investment Authority - Urban Homesteading Pilot Program.....	1,000,000"
"City of Cocoa - Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse Parking Structure.....	3,000,000"
"Andrews Institute Foundation Research and Educational Program.....	250,000"
"Palmetto Bay Mixed-Use Facility.....	250,000"
"Hendry County Fairgrounds Rodeo Complex Renovations.....	250,000
LaBelle Civic Center.....	369,676"
"East County Regional Service/Resources Center - Hillsborough County.....	250,000"
"Sirenia Vista Park Environmental Center.....	200,000"

"City of Coral Springs Aquatic Complex Pool Refurbishment....	300,000"
"Miracle Mile and Giralda Reconstruction and Economic Development Project.....	
Volusia County Marine Science Center Expansion.....	1,000,000
Hungerford Amphitheater - Eatonville.....	500,000
NeighborWorks Florida Collaborative.....	500,000"
"Baywalk - Miami Downtown Development Authority.....	
Village of Miami Shores - Electric Car Charging Station....	33,600"
"Alcazar Hotel - Lightner Museum Restoration.....	
	250,000"
"The nonrecurring funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2216 from the Special Employment Security Administration Trust Fund shall be allocated as follows:	
North Lauderdale Security Cameras.....	40,000
North Lauderdale City Hall Roof.....	75,000
Gulf Coast Housing First Initiative - City of Sarasota.....	250,000
Smith-Brown Community Center.....	150,000"

**The following are vetoed because the projects circumvent established processes and funding is available through other resources.**

Specific Appropriation 2234  
Pages 316 and 317

"Beaver Street Enterprise Center.....	300,000"
"Florida Turbine Initiative.....	
Delray Beach CRA Business Incubator.....	125,000"
"Scripps Florida Biotech Partnership.....	
	1,000,000"
"South Florida Economic Development District's Statewide Industry Cluster Analysis.....	
	500,000"

**The following is vetoed because the participating entities should be responsible for funding this issue.**

Specific Appropriation 2466B  
Pages 339 and 340

"2466B SPECIAL CATEGORIES TRANSFER TO FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY - ENHANCEMENTS TO THE WALL OF WIND FROM INSURANCE REGULATORY TRUST FUND . . . . .	212,000
---	---------

Funds in Specific Appropriation 2466B shall be transferred to Florida International University for the purpose of enhancing the capability of the Wall of Wind. The enhancements to the Wall of Wind will provide facility infrastructure and technical improvements to include: hardware

and software enhancements to provide more sampling channels, increased sensor capabilities, and faster sampling frequencies in an effort to support more efficient operation during testing; and additional equipment to ensure proper testing conditions and to provide contingency in the event of malfunction during testing."

**The following are vetoed because the projects are local projects with no statewide benefit.**

Specific Appropriation 2568

Pages 349 and 350

"The nonrecurring general revenue funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2568 are allocated for the construction of facilities as follows:

Emergency Operations Center - Brevard County.....	3,000,000
Emergency Operations Center - City of Cocoa.....	500,000
Emergency Operations Center - Permanent Generator for Lift Station - City of Plantation.....	50,000"

**The following is vetoed because it circumvents the department's process for certifying driver education programs.**

Specific Appropriation 2627

Page 355

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2627, \$300,000 of nonrecurring funds from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund is provided to the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Florida, Inc. (ABATE) for the purpose of promoting motorcycle safety awareness through public information and education campaigns."

**The following is vetoed because the project was not requested through the Department of Management Services. The current budget includes \$50,000 for the Department of Management Services to obtain independent and objective information technology research.**

Specific Appropriation 2688

Page 362

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2688, \$50,000 in recurring funds from the Operating Trust Fund is provided to the Department of Management Services to obtain independent and objective information technology research."

**Department of State**

The Florida First budget provides more than \$47.7 million to the Department of State to ensure projects are evaluated and prioritized for state taxpayer funding. The Department of State's grant process ensures that Floridians are receiving the best benefit possible for protecting and promoting culture and history in the Sunshine State.

The following items will be vetoed that did not go through this process:

**The following are vetoed because the projects did not go through the established competitive review process where projects of this type are ranked and recommended based on measurable outcomes, or will receive state funds through another Competitive Grant Program.**

Specific Appropriation 3077A

Page 399

"Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center.....	500,000
Historic Wauchula City Hall/Auditorium Restoration.....	500,000
Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust, Inc.....	1,000,000"
"Deering Estate - Cultural and Ecological Field Station.....	500,000"
"Wells Built Museum.....	250,000"
"Masonic Lodge - Rosewood.....	172,602"
"Historic Captain Jeffries House Restoration.....	75,000
Historic Seminole Theater - Homestead.....	600,000"

**The following are vetoed because the projects did not go through the established competitive review process where projects of this type are ranked and recommended based on measurable outcomes, or will receive state funds through another Competitive Grant Program.**

Specific Appropriation 3103

Pages 401 and 402

"U.S. Space Walk of Fame Museum - Titusville.....	600,000"
"Adrienne Arsht Center Performing Arts Program.....	65,000
Spady Museum.....	20,000
Actor's Playhouse Performing Arts Program.....	150,000"

**The following are vetoed because the projects did not go through the established competitive review process where projects of this type are ranked and recommended based on measurable outcomes, or will receive state funds through another Competitive Grant Program.**

Specific Appropriation 3108A

Pages 402 and 403

"Polk Museum of Art - Lakeland.....	150,000
Norton Museum of Art - West Palm Beach.....	1,000,000"
"Florida Agricultural Museum.....	500,000"
"YSPB's Choir in the Glades.....	100,000
PIAG Museum.....	250,000"
"The Peter Powell Roberts Museum of Art & Culture.....	250,000"
"New Smyrna Beach East Coast Surf Museum.....	175,000"

---

**SECTION 7 - JUDICIAL BRANCH**

---

The Florida First budget invests in infrastructure throughout Florida's Court System, specialized courts such as veteran's courts and drug courts, as well as Child Advocacy Centers that provide critical services to victims of assault and child abuse.

The budget, as passed by the Legislature, includes earmarked appropriations that may inhibit the ability of the Florida Court system to provide treatment programs and maintain focus on reducing recidivism. The following will be vetoed:

**The following are vetoed because funding for improvements and repairs of county buildings are the responsibility of the local government.**

Specific Appropriation 3130B

Page 406

"3130B AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS  
COUNTY COURTHOUSE EXPANSION  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 2,000,000

The funds in Specific Appropriation 3130B are provided for the renovation, restoration or expansion of county courthouses as follows:

Charlotte County Justice Center..... 1,000,000  
Okaloosa County Courthouse..... 1,000,000"

**The following is vetoed because funding for improvements and repairs of county buildings are the responsibility of the local government.**

Specific Appropriation 3130C

Page 406

"3130C SPECIAL CATEGORIES  
COURTHOUSE EMERGENCY RENOVATION AND  
REPAIRS  
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND . . . . . 300,000

The funds in Specific Appropriation 3130C shall be used to address maintenance issues in the Nassau County Courthouse."

---

**OTHER SECTIONS**

---

**The following is vetoed because it was not subjected to the established statewide review process for land acquisition.**

Section 71

Page 427

"SECTION 71. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Environmental Protection to be transferred to the Southwest Florida Water Management District in chapter 2014-151, Laws of Florida, shall revert and is appropriated for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to the Department of Environmental Protection to be transferred to the Southwest Florida Water Management District for the Heritage Lake Estates Conservation Easement in Pasco County for flood protection. These funds are in addition to the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1589A."

**The following is vetoed because this project circumvents the Transportation Work Program evaluation process.**

Section 88

Page 428

"SECTION 88. From the funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation in chapter 2012-118, Laws of Florida, for the Central Polk Parkway, the department shall use these funds to complete all outstanding contracts for the initial 30 percent design (Phase 32), and these funds shall not be used for any other purpose. This section is effective upon becoming law."

**The following is vetoed because the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund was specifically created by the Legislature as a funding source for economic development programs.**

Section 106

Pages 430 and 431

"State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund..... 55,000,000"

Although funding provided in Section 62 is not vetoed, based on continuing declines in the revenues that support the Clerks of Courts' operations, I expect the Clerks of Court to immediately implement efficiencies that will align their budgets to the actual revenues received, rather than continuing to rely on supplemental taxpayer support to pay for their budget overruns. It is also my expectation that these efficiencies will not result in reduced public access to, or reduced hours of operation of, the offices of the Clerks of Court.

In conclusion, as I have done every year since taking office, and in recognition of my continued commitment to the citizens of Florida, I am voluntarily reducing my salary to one cent per month for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, as authorized in Section 8 of the General Appropriations Act, in which the Legislature has set the salary schedule for state officers and judges.

Upon the formal receipt of the state budget from the Legislature, the actions I articulated above will be submitted to the Secretary of State with my signature.

-Governor Rick Scott