

Gov Desantis' FY 2021-22 budget proposal continued....

Infrastructure will be a key source of allocations along with \$50 million for Florida's Job Growth Grant Fund, \$50 million for Economic Development Transportation Trust Fund, and \$50 million for Visit Florida.

It proposes \$290 million more for K-12 education (a House Appropriations Committee hinted that the proposal might rely on local property taxes to help pay for school funding).

The Governor wants additional money for mental health and opioid abuse, and \$1 billion over four years for a new environmental initiative i.e. Resilient Florida that awards grants to state and local governments that address climate change and sea-level rise.

Desantis wants additional funding for Family Empowerment Education Scholarships (school choice vouchers), teacher salaries, septic to sewer projects for "fiscally constrained communities".

The Governor's office expects to see improvement in Florida's overall economic outlook.