

LCIR Projects for 1999-2000 Interim

Projects:

- Develop state rural policy: comprehensive review of rural issues and needs
(Project Leader: Charles Hungerford)
- Review of local government revenues derived from cigarette taxes (continued project from 1998-99 interim - could be expanded to include county revenues)
(Project Leader: Steven O’Cain)
- Evaluate whether to create an incentive program to assist counties and cities in removing septic tanks and connecting areas up to public water and sewer
(Project Leader: Cris Martinez)
- Collect testimony of state agencies regarding their receipt of federal funds/prioritize areas of focus for state to increase such receipts
(Project Leader: Phyllis Mofson)
- Preliminary review of the Sustainable Communities Demonstration Project
(Project Leader: Phyllis Mofson)
- Review methods to improve intergovernmental coordination and cooperation among the state, counties, municipalities, special districts, and school districts
(All analysts will assist in this effort.)
- Review Article V Costs and local government reporting of costs under the Uniform Chart of Accounts and determine fiscal impact of Revision 7 to Article V (coordinated with standing committees of the Legislature)
(Project Leader: Richard Drennon)

Statutorily Required Assignments Assigned During 1999 Legislative Session:

- Conduct study to determine fiscal impact on local governments of instituting a single-tier regulatory system for construction, electrical, and alarm system contractors in Florida, and report to Legislature by December 1, 1999 (CS/SB 2268)
(Project Leader: Richard Drennon)
- Staffing Florida Public School Construction Finance Commission (CS/SB 172)
(Project Leader: Marsha Hosack)

Previous Statutory Assignments:

- Monitor the Sustainable Communities Demonstration Project administered by the Department of Community Affairs (s. 163.3244(7), F.S.)
(Project Leader: Phyllis Mofson)
- Conduct the performance review of Small County Technical Assistance Program (s. 163.05(9), F.S.)
(Project Leader: Richard Drennon)
- Report on legislative measures from previous session that impact local governments (s. 11.70, F.S.)
(Project Leader: Kaymelia Pelt; however, all analysts assist in this project)
- Monitor sector plans (s. 163.3245, F.S.)
(Project Leader: Phyllis Mofson)
- Ex-officio participation in Minority Business Certification Task Force (s. 287.0934, F.S.)
(Project Leader: Richard Drennon)

Monitor Items:

- Implementation of urban infill and revitalization program (CS/HB 17) and other urban initiatives (Analysts: Phyllis Mofson, Charles Hungerford)
- Review implementation of the one-stop permitting legislation and intergovernmental components (SB 662) (Analyst: Cris Martinez)
- Census 2000 State Complete Count Committee (Analyst: Steven O’Cain)
- Federal policies devolving programs and responsibilities to state and local governments (Analyst: Phyllis Mofson)
- Local government financial emergencies (Analyst: Richard Drennon)
- Indebtedness of local governments (Analyst: Richard Drennon)
- Review of local government options in the event of electric deregulation (Analyst: Phyllis Mofson)
- Intergovernmental aspects of international trade initiatives and other international activities (Analyst: Phyllis Mofson)

Monitor Items (cont.):

- Governor's State Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (Analyst: Charles Hunderford)

Interim Activities:

- Coordinate federal/state communications (Analyst: Phyllis Mofson)
- Promote Census 2000 complete count to increase Florida's receipt of federal funds (Analysts: Steven O'Cain, Phyllis Mofson)
- Develop list of conflict resolution mediators to make available to local governments (Analyst: Cris Martinez)
- Facilitate the use of the Florida Local Government Information System (FLGIS) relative to local government finances (Analysts: Richard Drennon, Steven O'Cain)
- Use the Local Government Facsimile Network (FAXNET) to assist legislators, legislative staff, and local governments (Analyst: Steven O'Cain)
- Serve as an intergovernmental resource to legislators, legislative staff, local governments, and others on request (All analysts)
- Issue periodic briefing publications on federal/state issues (Analyst: Phyllis Mofson)

Annual Publications:

- Review of Federal Expenditures to Florida (Analysts: Steven O'Cain, Phyllis Mofson)
- Local Government Financial Information Handbook (Analyst: Steven O'Cain)
- Salaries of County Constitutional Officers and Elected School District Officials (Analyst: Steven O'Cain)
- Intergovernmental Impact Report: Mandates and Measures Affecting Local Government Fiscal Capacity (Analyst: Kaymelia Pelt)