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**Treasure Coast lawmakers bring home vital funding in preliminary budgets**

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate released their preliminary budgets on Thursday, leaving the Treasure Coast in excellent shape as the chambers prepare to finalize the state's appropriations bill. Many local community projects have received matching allocations and the approximate \$90 million difference between chambers will be settled during the annual budget conference later this month.

"The Treasure Coast delegation has done an excellent job working together in order to bring funding back to our communities," said State Senator Ken Pruitt (R - Port St. Lucie)

A condensed list of major local project funding with the highest chamber proposal is as follows.

**Education**

FAU/UM Medical Partnership - \$8 million (House)  
FAU/St. Lucie Expansion - \$2.2 million (Senate)  
FSU/IRCC Med School Prtnrshp. - \$3.4 million (House)  
IRCC Public Services Bldg. - \$20 million (Match)  
IRCC General Renovation - \$3.15 million (Senate)  
IRCC Classroom Improvement - \$2.47 million (Match)  
FAU/Scripps Jt. Use - Jupiter - \$3.15 million (Senate)  
FAU PSL Campus Phase II - \$10 million (Match)  
Ft. Pierce FSU College of Med. - \$3.1 million (House)  
UF IFAS Statewide Repairs - \$15.16 million (Senate)  
IRCC Homeland Security Bldg. - \$2.34 million (Match)  
IRCC Human Dev Resource Ctr. - \$2.55 million (Match)  
IRCC - Okeechobee Classrooms - \$2.65 million (Match)

**Community Services**

Big Brothers Big Sisters - \$2.5 million (House)  
Boys & Girls Club - \$2.4 million (House)  
State Alliance of YMCA's - \$1.5 million (Match)  
Learning for Life - \$2.5 million (House)  
By The River - Senior Housing - \$1.9 million (Senate)  
Special Olympics Athlete Health - \$0.5 million (Senate)  
Family Emergency Treatment Ctr. - \$1.2 million (Senate)  
Children's Crisis Center - \$1 million (Senate)  
TC Food Bank Support - \$0.5 million (House)

**Community Projects**

SLC Emergency Operations Cntr. - \$6 million (Senate)  
SLC Special Needs Shelter - \$1.8 million (Match)  
SLC Research & Edu. Park Bldg. - \$6.2 million (Senate)  
MC Golden Gate Bldg Restore - \$0.35 million (Match)  
Martin Co. Senior Center - \$5 million (House)  
S.R. 60 Improvements in IR County - \$0.5 million (House)

**Environment**

IFAS Aquaculture Development - \$1.25 million (House)  
Loxahatchee River Water Storage - \$10 million (Match)  
Indian River Co. Surface Water - \$2 million (House)  
Indian River Lagoon Initiative - \$17.9 million (House)  
Indian River Lagoon Issue Team - \$10.2 million (House)  
Lake Region Water Treatment Plant - \$1.5 million (House)  
Loxahatchee River Preservation - \$3.7 million (House)  
Loxahatchee - M-Canal Widening - \$1 million (Match)  
Okeechobee Wastewater Improve. - \$1 million (House)  
St. Lucie River Issues Team - \$4.02 million (House)  
Statewide Beach Projects - \$40 million (Senate)  
Lake O & Estuary Recovery LOER - \$25 million (Match)  
Lake O Protection Program - \$10.8 million (Senate)  
Lake O Scenic Trail LOST - \$1 million (Match)  
Statewide FRDP (Recreation) - \$30.2 million (House)  
Acreage Community Park - \$1 million (House)  
Harbor Branch Oceans Initiative - \$2.4 million (House)

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