

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

- **Emergency Rental Assistance**

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program online application portal is open for eligible residents at or below 80% Area Media Income (AMI) or with zero income 90 days prior to application date. Hillsborough County has received \$44 million in rental assistance funds. Approximately \$12 million went to the City of Tampa and \$32 million to unincorporated Hillsborough, Temple Terrace, and Plant City.

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/rapid-response-recovery-assistance-program-r3/r3-program>

- **Tenant Bill of Rights**

On March 3, 2021, Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners voted on and passed the Tenant's Bill of Rights, Source of Income Anti-discrimination, and Notice of Late Fee Ordinance, also known as Tenant's Bill of Rights Ordinance. According to Hillsborough County, "the ordinance was enacted to provide additional protections to residential tenants in unincorporated Hillsborough County, including protection from income discrimination and as a result are provided more affordable housing opportunities and offered more protection from homelessness."

To comply with the ordinance, unincorporated Hillsborough County landlords are required to provide their tenants a notice document that is titled [Tenant's Bill of Rights & Resources](#) to ensure tenants understand what their rights are under this new ordinance.

The ordinance went into effect on March 15, 2021 and enforcement begins on July 1, 2021. GTR is in the process of sending out communications and training to ensure all members who are property managers and landlords comply with this new law.

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/property-owners-and-renters/homeowners-and-neighborhoods/tenants-bill-of-rights-ordinance>

- **All for Transportation Surtax**

On May 5, 2021, the Board voted to request the county administration to plan four workshops throughout the County's four single member districts this year and modify them so the public can provide input on another transportation surtax. Traditionally, county workshops are for Board discussion and do not allow public input. Important to note, from a legal standpoint, the Board is only required to host one workshop. The four



workshops will ensure due diligence and give the public a better opportunity to provide feedback.

On April 29, 2021, attorneys representing the local governmental agencies and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority filed a post-judgment motion seeking guidance on refunding the collected dollars. According to the motion, it “will allow refunds to be sought and determined in an effective and expeditious manner, with minimal burden and no cost to taxpayers, as well as the judicial system.” The motion proposes the appointment of three retired circuit court judges to oversee the refund process, and citizens wanting a refund would have to submit a claim to the Hillsborough County Circuit Court. A judge will have to sign off on this proposal to make it effective, and the motion does not state what would happen to any unclaimed funds.

**BACKGROUND:** On Thursday, February 25, 2021, the Florida Supreme Court decided 4-1 that restrictions on how and where the revenue from the tax could be spent were unconstitutional. On Wednesday, March 3, 2021 the Board voted to support Commissioner Hagan's motion (passed unanimously) to direct staff to work with the Florida Department of Revenue and the Clerk's Office to determine if the county needs to wait for further judicial decisions to refund taxpayers. Another motion was made (Commissioner Myers) to create a county-led tax referendum to replace the All for Transportation surtax (passed unanimously). The item directs the county attorney's office to collaborate with administrators and prepare documents that enable a 1% transportation sales surtax referendum. If the draft is approved, it could come before Hillsborough County voters by 2022 (the earliest possible election).

- **Reinstatement of the PACE Program**

The issue was initially deferred to the May 19, 2021 Board meeting. It is now expected to come back as a memo and not voted on. If so, the program will not be reinstated.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 2, 2020, the Board authorized county staff to engage in conversation with stakeholders to renew or bring a plan back to the Board to perhaps re-implement the PACE program with stringent consumer protections in place. GTR has been a strong advocate in preventing the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program from being reinstated in Hillsborough County citing the lack of consumer protections and predatory lending practices. We will continue to monitor this issue and fight for it not to be reinstated.



- **Environmentally Sensitive Land Credit (“Wetland Density Credits”)**

The Planning Commission has created a timeline on when the Environmentally Sensitive Land Credit – HC/CPA 21-04 (“Wetland Density Credit”) will be reviewed. First, the Planning Commission will organize a public hearing (Date TBD). A BOCC Transmittal Public Hearing will then take place on August 5, 2021. A BOCC adoption hearing will then be held on October 14, 2021.

BACKGROUND: On December 16, 2020, the Board directed Planning Commission staff, the Development Services Department, and the County Attorney's Office to coordinate and prepare amendments to the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code, to eliminate the Environmentally Sensitive Land Credit (the "wetland density credit") within the Rural Service Area. Discussion continued last at the March 8, 2021 Planning Commission meeting and the March 9, 2021 BOCC land use meeting/workshop. Currently, the Planning Commission would like more time to assess the issue and would like to look at what neighboring counties are doing. Planning Commission staff (Yeneka Mills) gave a presentation at the March 9<sup>th</sup> BOCC workshop, citing several concerns the elimination of the credit could raise (a potential infringement of private property rights, economic impact on landowners). Some Commissioners felt that the presentation was one-sided in favor of preserving the credit. Based on their discussion, Commissioners would like to see experts speak on agricultural land financing to see if the credit removal will have a significant impact on future financing for farmers.

- **Tampa Bay Passenger Ferry**

On April 7, 2021, the Board announced that they would take the lead in negotiating a new agreement to continue the Tampa to St. Petersburg Cross Bay Ferry service. The Board has authorized staff to bring back for future Board consideration an agreement with private partners HMS Ferries, Inc. and South Swell Development Group, LLC for the purpose of inter-city ferry services. Additionally, the Board agreed to hire Kimley-Horn, the County's Transportation Planning Services Consultant, for a \$100,000 study on expanding the service to include daily commuter trips between South Hillsborough County and MacDill Air Force Base.

- **Impact Fees**

Hillsborough County mobility (transportation) fees will increase to the full amount of \$9,183 for a new house, and park impact fees will increase to 75% of the recommended amount at \$2,475 per home. Both increases will have an effective date of June 30, 2021.



This expeditious push to increase impact fees was the result of state legislation to limit impact fee increases by local government (House Bill 337). Hillsborough County charges impact fees on new construction to help pay for the roads, parks, utilities, schools, and fire safety demands created by growth.

BACKGROUND: On March 25, 2021, the Board hosted a public hearing on mobility fees and park impact fees. The public hearing was to consider amending the phase-in schedule to begin assessing mobility & parks impact fees at their full, 100% assessment rate, effective no later than June 30, 2021. A motion was made to eliminate the mobility fees phase-in schedule and raise it to its full, 100% assessment rate (Up from 80%). Another (substitute) motion was made to raise the park impact fee to 75%. Both motions passed with an effective date of June 30, 2021.

Additionally, Hillsborough County will consider creating a library impact fee on June 6, 2021. This is the result of Commissioner Kemp directing staff to bring back a report on creating library impact fees back in February.

## CITY OF TAMPA

- **Multi-Family Moratorium**

Council has had numerous discussions, much of it stemming from the growth occurring south of Gandy Boulevard. On May 4, 2021, Council struck down the idea of moving forward with a multi-family moratorium. Instead, the City has initiated a plan amendment based on what City Council's action has been to look at removing the ability for the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to be utilized for multi-family development in the Urban Mixed Use (UMU-60), Community Mixed Use (CMU-35), and Community Commercial Use (CC-35) land use categories. At the Planning Commission meeting on May 10, 2021, Planning Commission Director, Melissa Zornitta, stated that this amendment is something they will be working with the City on. The initial amendment was submitted to the Planning Commission as a city-wide amendment. Even as late as last Thursday (May 4<sup>th</sup>) City Council was having discussions on whether they should narrow it. The Planning Commission will be hosting a virtual stakeholder meeting on May 25, 2021, to gather input on the scope of the plan amendment. The Planning Commission will be working with City Staff to determine what their intent is for slowing some of this multi-family development that is nit mixed-use. There are many areas where these plan categories (UMU60, CMU35, CC35) exist such as Westshore, Ybor City, Channelside, and

in the periphery of Downtown where they may continue to be appropriate to accommodate future population growth. A Planning Commission public hearing on the matter is slated for August 2021. This timeframe could change based on the information gathered from stakeholders.

- **Proposed Sidewalk Ordinance**

A workshop to discuss the issue and review Walk Bike Tampa's proposed ordinance changes took place on April 22, 2021. Vik Bhide, Director of Mobility Department, gave a presentation involving: Sidewalk In-Lieu Fees & Current Programs; Tampa MOVES & Sidewalk Prioritization; and Walk Bike Tampa Proposed Code Modifications. A motion was made (Dingfelder-Carlson) to direct staff and the legal department to work with Vik Bhide, on his proposed code modifications, and look into eliminating the loophole related to G2 of Section 22-103 of the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances, and any potential loopholes that could have been missed. Staff will investigate the 500 sidewalks from the year 2020, and research how many single-family projects can be identified that did not pay the in-lieu fee and did not build a sidewalk. Motion also directed staff and the legal department to appear and provide a report on August 5, 2021 under Staff Reports and Unfinished Business.

- **Public Safety Impact Fee**

On May 6, 2021, Morris Massey, Deputy City Attorney, issued a memo to City Council to address whether the City has the legal authority to adopt public safety impact fees to support the Tampa Police Department and Fire Rescue, and, if so, describe the legal requirements regarding the adoption and use of these proposed public service impact fees. The memo evaluated other local jurisdictions who have adopted Fire Rescue & Law Enforcement Impact Fees and the current legal requirement, process, and limitations. Memo was not discussed in detail by Council and a motion was made (Dingfelder-Maniscalco) to bring the issue back for further discussion on August 5, 2021 under staff reports in the afternoon.

BACKGROUND: At the March 25, 2021 workshop, City staff presented the public safety master plan which consisted of updates on Fire Rescue and the Police Department. During the discussion, Councilman Dingfelder brought forward the idea of exploring a public safety impact fee. Dingfelder would like to look at what can be done under Florida law and see what jurisdictions currently impose a public safety impact fee on new development. At the conclusion of the workshop, Councilman Dingfelder made a



motion (second by Viera) to direct staff to come back with a report and recommendation relating to the possibility of implementing a public safety impact fee to support police and fire rescue. Suggested the possibility that it could be two separate impact fees. This will most likely take a substantial amount of time (First the need must be studied. Then a fair way of imposing the impact fee must be evaluated). Most likely will be a year or more long task. The request was made to have staff and legal come back on May 6, 2021 under staff reports.

## PASCO COUNTY

- **Multi-Family Moratorium**

On May 4, 2021, the Pasco Board voted (5-0) to approve the 180-day multi-family moratorium. Additionally, the Board voted to change the land development code on receiving multi-family approval to build on land zoned for commercial use. The initial rule was that an applicant only needed conditional use approval, rather than a rezoning. This decision revokes the option for a conditional use. Some exceptions will still apply including low-income housing projects (in the West Market Area) or mix-use commercial/residential projects.

BACKGROUND: On February 9, 2021, the Pasco Board voted (Moore, Fitzpatrick and Mariano voting Yes), to start the process of potentially establishing a moratorium. The proposal is for six months (180 days), which is the time it will take county staff to determine how many new multifamily units have already been approved for Pasco County but not yet built. The moratorium would be on the submission and acceptance of applications for conditional uses, rezonings, and comprehensive plan amendments proposing to increase multi-family entitlements within the moratorium area. The moratorium proposed would impact the corridors along U.S. 41 to just south of State Road 52, then east to Bruce B. Downs Boulevard and back to the south along State Roads 54 and 56.

- **Commercial Property Landscaping Grant Program**

Under an approved redevelopment landscaping grant program, Pasco business owners will now be able to receive up to a \$20,000 grant. Grant requirements will require owners to commit a match of other site improvements worth at least 20% of their grant. This can involve external redevelopment projects including facade improvements and painting, restriping and/or repaving of parking areas, and new business signage

conforming to county codes. The grant funds cannot be used for labor, dirt, mulch, or irrigation systems, according to the program rules.

<https://www.pascocountyfl.net/4522/Commercial-Landscaping-Grant-Program>

- **Emergency Rental Assistance**

Pasco County Community Development has partnered with multiple local agencies that are assisting in providing Emergency Rental Assistance to people experiencing economic hardship due to COVID-19. Helping with Emergency Assistance Relief for Tenants (H.E.A.R.T.) provides assistance to renters with funds distributed by the U.S. Treasury to Pasco County. All partner agencies, listed on the website (link below), are offering to help pay rental and utility bills directly for anyone living in Pasco County who meets the Pasco H.E.A.R.T. Program guidelines. The program is for Pasco County residents that can provide documentation of an income loss due to COVID-19 and are under 80% AMI.

Clients that have experienced unemployment and are under 50% AMI will be prioritized. Landlords can also start the H.E.A.R.T. process for tenants who are past due. If you have tenants who want to apply, please send an e-mail to [kamiller@MyPasco.net](mailto:kamiller@MyPasco.net) or call and leave a message at 727-834-3447. <https://www.pascocountyfl.net/4385/Pasco-HEART>

**Frequent Asked Questions:**

[https://www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/60815/02162021-Pasco-HEART-Assistance-FAQs\\_WCAG](https://www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/60815/02162021-Pasco-HEART-Assistance-FAQs_WCAG)

## STATE ISSUES

- **Now Available: Landlord Applications for \$850M in Rent Relief**

Landlords can now apply for money to recoup lost rent. DCF debuted a website, OurFlorida.com, last week and started offering applications Monday. Landlords receive payments directly, but both landlords and tenants can apply for help.

Source: [https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/05/now-available-landlord-applications-850m-rent-relief?utm\\_campaign=5-12-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=iPost](https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/05/now-available-landlord-applications-850m-rent-relief?utm_campaign=5-12-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm_medium=email&utm_source=iPost)

- **Impact Fee, Toll Road and Home Elevation Bills Pass**

Several real estate bills continue to pass the Florida Legislature and await Gov. DeSantis' signature, or veto, as the 2021 session draws to a close. A statewide limit on impact fees passed, along with tax breaks for elevating homes. A third bill limits planned construction of toll roads.





Source: [https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/04/impact-fee-toll-road-and-home-elevation-bills-pass?utm\\_campaign=4-29-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=iPost](https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/04/impact-fee-toll-road-and-home-elevation-bills-pass?utm_campaign=4-29-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm_medium=email&utm_source=iPost)

- **Florida Legislature: What Changed in Fla. Insurance Laws?**

1. No-fault auto insurance repeal will raise costs for some, lower them for others.
2. Restrictions tightened on roofing contractors, public adjusters.
3. Deadline for filing claims reduced to two years.
4. Insurers must get 10-day lawsuit notification.
5. Rate increase cap lifted for Citizens Property Insurance.
6. Policyholders have 10 days to cancel public adjuster contracts.
7. Attorneys' fees incentives reduced.

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## FEDERAL ISSUES

- **2021 Legislative Priorities and Talking Points**

With the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress underway, the National Association of REALTORS® has been busy creating a list of legislative priorities that ensure the real estate profession and the American Dream of home ownership is protected. Over the next month, our Greater Tampa REALTORS® members who serve as Federal Political Coordinators (FPCs) for U.S. Representative Gus Bilirakis (R-FL 12<sup>th</sup> District) and U.S. Representative Kathy Castor (D-FL 14<sup>th</sup> District) will sit down and advocate for our 2021 legislative priorities.

<https://tamparealtors.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021.05.01-NAR-2021-Legislative-Meetings-Talking-Points.pdf>

- **Twenty Legislative and Executive Branch Wins in 2020**

NAR's federal advocacy team worked tirelessly in 2020 to protect the real estate sector during the pandemic and make progress on many other priorities. Although not an exhaustive list, here are 20 victories that REALTORS® can be proud of.

<https://narfocus.com/billdatabase/clientfiles/172/35/4333.pdf>





- NAR Counters Proposal Limiting 1031-Exchanges to \$500K**

Under President Biden’s proposal, 1031 like-kind exchanges only defer \$500K from taxation. NAR says not to panic, though. There’s time before any decisions are made.  
Source: [https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/05/nar-counters-proposal-limiting-1031-exchanges-500k?utm\\_campaign=5-11-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm\\_source=iPost&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/05/nar-counters-proposal-limiting-1031-exchanges-500k?utm_campaign=5-11-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm_source=iPost&utm_medium=email)
- Twenty Legislative and Executive Branch Wins in 2020**

Link: <https://narfocus.com/billdatabase/clientfiles/172/35/4333.pdf>
- Video: The Past, Present, and Future of Fair Housing**

Link: <https://www.nar.realtor/fair-housing/the-past-present-and-future-of-fair-housing>
- Coronavirus: The American Rescue Plan Act FAQs**

The recently enacted COVID-19 relief legislation, the [American Rescue Plan Act](#), included \$9.9 billion in relief for homeowners to be administered through a new Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF). These funds, which will soon be made available to eligible homeowners through their states, may be used for assistance with mortgage payments, homeowner’s insurance, utility payments, and other specified purposes.  
The HAF was created to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacement of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020. The law prioritizes funds for homeowners who have experienced the greatest hardships, limits eligibility based on need, and can only be used for certain qualified expenses, outlined in more detail below.  
Link: <https://www.nar.realtor/political-advocacy/coronavirus-the-american-rescue-plan-act-homeowner-assistance-fund-faq>
- CFPB Postpones Tighter Mortgage Rule Until 2022**

The Qualified Mortgage (QM) final rule, which would generally make it more difficult for some buyers to get a home loan, was pushed back from its July 1, 2021, date.  
Source: [https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/04/cfpb-postpones-tighter-mortgage-rule-until-2022?utm\\_campaign=4-29-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm\\_source=iPost&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/04/cfpb-postpones-tighter-mortgage-rule-until-2022?utm_campaign=4-29-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm_source=iPost&utm_medium=email)
- PPP Fix For "Schedule C Filers" Introduced**

Bipartisan legislation has been introduced to increase the equity for "Schedule C Filers"—independent contractors, sole-proprietors, and the self-employed—who took out Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans prior to March 2021 [S. 1249](#), the PPP



Flexibility for Farmers, Ranchers, and the Self-Employed Act—cosponsored by Senators Cardin (D-MD), Lankford (R-OK), Baldwin (D-WI), Collins (R-ME), King (I-ME), Portman (R-OH) and Marshall (D-OH)—allows those borrowers to receive the difference in loan amount they received and the loan amount they would currently qualify for under the new calculation method.

Schedule C filers initially were required to use net profits—which deducts business expenses from the total—when calculating their PPP loan amounts, which does not accurately reflect their income and resulted in lower loan amounts for many. In March, President Biden announced an important change to the program, allowing Schedule C filers to use either net profits or gross income—which does not require deducting business expenses—when calculating their loan amount. However, that change was not retroactive, leaving borrowers from before March 2021 with lower loan amounts than they would qualify for under the new calculation method.

[S.1249](#) fixes that issue by allowing those borrowers to apply for and receive the difference in loan amount they qualified for originally, and would qualify for now using gross income to base their calculation off of. NAR's membership includes a large number of independent contractors and sole proprietors, and NAR sent a [thank-you letter](#) to the cosponsors in support of the legislation. [Read NAR's Thank-You Letter](#)

- **Treasury Issues Homeowner Assistance Fund Guidance**

The recently enacted American Rescue Plan Act included \$9.9 billion in relief for homeowners to be administered through a new Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF). These funds, which will soon be made available to eligible homeowners through their states, may be used for assistance with mortgage payments, homeowner's insurance, utility payments, and other specified purposes under the law and guidance.

The HAF was created to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacement of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020. The law and guidance prioritize funds for homeowners who have experienced the greatest hardships, limits eligibility based on need, and can only be used for certain qualified expenses.

The statute requires the Department of Treasury to provide a minimum of \$50 million for each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; \$498 million for Tribes or Tribally designated housing entities and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and, \$30 million for the territories of Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. These allocations will be based on homeowner need determined by reference to (1) the average number of unemployed individuals; and (2) the number of homeowners with late mortgage payments or foreclosures. States must apply for the funds by April 25 and develop their programs according to the new Treasury guidance for distribution to homeowners in need. See [NAR's Summary](#) for more information on the HAF and Treasury guidance.

- **FHFA May Create New Lending Rules for 'Condotels'**

If a development has a large number of short-term rentals – individually owned units or single-family homes rented out similar to a hotel's operations (condotel) – what unique lending standards for home sales should apply? FHFA opened a comment period that runs through July 5.

Source: [https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/05/fhfa-may-create-new-lending-rules-condotels?utm\\_campaign=5-11-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=iPost](https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/05/fhfa-may-create-new-lending-rules-condotels?utm_campaign=5-11-2021+Florida+Realtors+News&utm_medium=email&utm_source=iPost)

- **Latest Stimulus Bill Signed into Law – Here's What It Does**

NAR welcomed the \$21.55 billion in new emergency rental assistance, which will be added on top of the \$25 billion allocated in December. State and local governments will distribute the funds. NAR sent a letter to Congressional leaders in February, saying additional rental assistance was crucial to help housing providers and tenants meet their financial obligations during the pandemic. "Rental assistance that is easily accessible to qualified households will relieve renters from excessive debts and ensure our critical rental housing stock is sustainable," the letter reads.

NAR also supported \$350 billion for extra state and local aid. Nearly nine in 10 cities expect a budget shortfall this year due to the pandemic, according to the National League of Cities. The extra funding will help states address public health risks as they gradually reopen.

The \$10 billion for a Housing Assistance Fund will allow state housing finance agencies to help homeowners facing financial hardship. The funds can be used for mortgage payment assistance, utility payments and property tax assessments as well as to prevent eviction, mortgage delinquency and foreclosure.

The Paycheck Protection Program will also receive additional funds: \$7.25 billion. PPP has already disbursed more than \$662 billion in forgivable loans to small businesses since it was first created by the CARES Act last March.



## Provisions within the American Rescue Plan

- **Stimulus checks:** \$1,400 stimulus checks per person, phased out completely for individuals earning \$80,000 per year and couples earning \$160,000 per year. (Those earning under the income limits will also receive \$1,400 in stimulus money for each dependent, regardless of age, claimed on their latest filed tax return.)
- **Unemployment:** The existing \$300 weekly unemployment benefit is extended through Sept. 6 to the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. The \$900 billion stimulus package, passed in December, provided unemployed Americans an extra \$300 per week in benefits, but the program expires in mid-March
- **Rental assistance:** \$21.55 billion in new money for rental assistance on top of the \$25 billion allocated in December
- **Child tax credits:** There is a one-year increase in the child tax credit, paid in monthly installments, including \$3,000 a year for each child ages 6 to 17, and \$3,600 a year for each child under age 6, for couples who make \$150,000 or less and single parents who make \$112,500 or less
- **Homeowner aid:** \$10 billion for a Housing Assistance Fund that will allow state housing finance agencies to help homeowners facing hardship
- **Buyer counseling:** \$100 million for housing counseling services
- **Small businesses:** \$15 billion for a new small business grant program
- **Local governments:** \$350 billion in state and local aid
- **Schools:** \$130 billion

Source: [https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/03/latest-stimulus-bill-signed-law-heres-what-it-does?utm\\_source=3-15-2021+Florida+Realtors+News](https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2021/03/latest-stimulus-bill-signed-law-heres-what-it-does?utm_source=3-15-2021+Florida+Realtors+News)

# Public Policy Issues Report

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