



The Briefing – Friday – October 7 –2022

The last Briefing was Thursday – October 6 – 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

Upcoming Meetings

Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

*Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting
Greet New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program
[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)*

Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting

*Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting
Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program
[FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association](#)*

Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

*If you are a local official in a small county – you should consider participating
The Annual Rural Economic Development Summit will be held December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine. The coordinators of the summit are encouraging local elected officials in our rural communities to attend. Here is the registration information –
[Registration for Summit](#)
[Tentative Agenda for Summit](#)*

Here's the College Football TV Schedule for Week Six

Most interesting games on the schedule Saturday

**Missouri at Florida | 12 p.m. | ESPNU – Which Gator team will show up?
Florida State at No. 14 NC State | 8 p.m. | ACC Network – Can FSU get a win? Clemson Next week!
Texas A&M at No. 1 Alabama | 8 p.m. | CBS – The Brawl between Fisher and Saban hits the field!
No. 8 Tennessee at No. 25 LSU | 12 p.m. | ESPN – Are the Vols for real? Seem like it!
Auburn at No. 2 Georgia | 3:30 p.m. | CBS Bulldogs will send Auburn Coach looking!
North Carolina at Miami (Fla.) | 4 p.m. | ESPN2 Come on Miami win one!**

Other Teams from Florida take the field

**UConn at FIU | 7 p.m. | ESPN3
Florida A&M at South Carolina State | 2 p.m. | ESPN+
South Florida at No. 24 Cincinnati | 2:30 p.m. | ESPN+**

Ian Update

For the best and latest information use the Division of Emergency Management Link-

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>

Power Restoration

[DEM Website for Tracking Progress on Power Restoration](#)

As of this morning, 319,563 customers remain without power or 2.827% of the population.

In Lee County – 20.9% of population remains without service.

In Charlotte County – 15.5% of population remains without service.

In DeSoto County – 5.38 % of population remains without service.

In Highlands County – 1.9% of population remains without service.

In Sarasota County – 1.85% of population remains without service.

In Collier County – 1.47% of population remains without service.

In Hardee County – .64% of population remains without service.

In Hendry County – .18% of population remains without service.

In Glades county – .14% of population remains without service.

Distribution of \$175 million for Local Support Grants Put on Hold

[Link to List of Approved Project On Hold](#)

The Joint Legislative Budget Commission last month **approved \$175 million for 238 local projects**. But Gov. **Ron DeSantis** has essentially put a freeze on those funds, halting the money from being distributed. The budget signed by DeSantis authorizing the Local Support Grants states “the Executive Office of the Governor shall submit an Administered Funds budget amendment no later than September 30, 2022, to distribute the funds for Local Support Grants to the appropriate state agencies for disbursement.”

The Governor’s Office didn’t submit a required budget amendment by the deadline to distribute \$175 million to agencies for local projects around the state. The governor’s office hasn’t commented on the reason for the decision not to submit the amendment, though the deadline came during a state of emergency for Hurricane Ian. The money now returns to state accounts. The Legislative Budget Commission is expected to meet next to approve another lump sum worth \$360 million to help the state recover from Ian.

As authorized in [section 197 of the FY 2022-23 General Appropriations Act](#), members of the Legislature could request nonrecurring Local Support Grants for local governments, education entities, or privately-operated programs to support local initiatives. Projects requested for funding had to meet the definition of an Appropriations Project as provided in [House Rule 5.14](#). Members had until July 15, 2022 to submit [Local Support Grant Request Forms](#), and August 10, 2022 to submit [Attestation Forms](#).

The Joint Legislative Budget Commission met on Friday, September 9, 2022 to consider Local Support Grants for Fiscal Year 2022-23 among other business. 238 of the 971 requested projects were selected for consideration and subsequently adopted, totaling \$175,000,000 in funding.

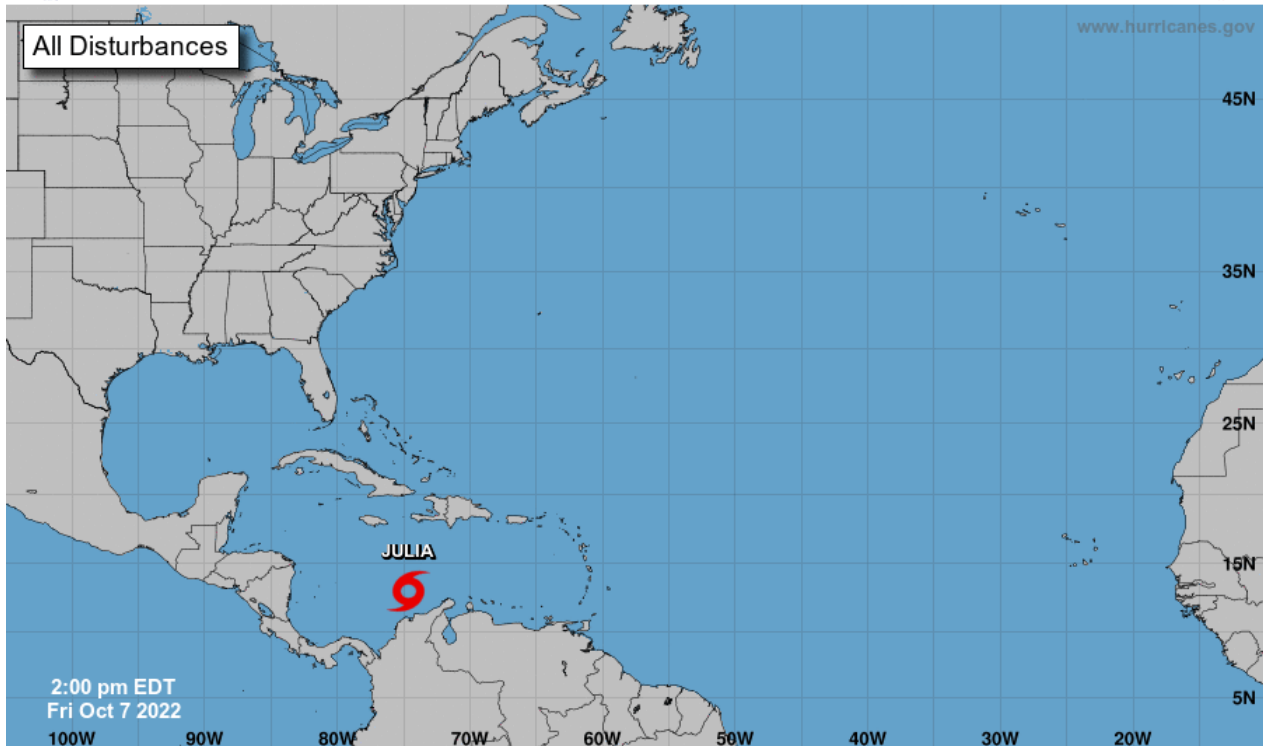
Tropical Outlook

www.nhc.noaa.gov



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

Headlines Around the State

NYTimes: Governor's Wife Has High-Profile Role After Florida Hurricane

Times: DeSantis rejects \$175 million in projects in latest brush with state lawmakers

FlaPol: Gov. Ron DeSantis' inaction puts \$175M in state funds for local projects in limbo

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis upbeat about gas prices despite OPEC woes, Joe Biden's Venezuela pivot

Herald: University of Florida search committee selects Sen. Ben Sasse as sole finalist for UF president

NYTimes: Nebraska's Ben Sasse Plans to Resign From Senate for University Post

Times: Ben Sasse could be UF's new president. Here are some of his views.

Times: Trump says UF will 'regret' decision to hire Ben Sasse as president

Axios: Death toll from Hurricane Ian rises

FlaPol: FEMA pays out \$3.5M in federal flood policy claims from Ian

FlaPol: 'This is huge': Florida Democrats laud Joe Biden's marijuana moves

FlaPol: Medical boards delay rule making for gender-affirming care after public meeting cancellation

FlaPol: Scott Franklin wants federal grants in reach for small governments

FlaPol: Quick, deadly coral disease the target of new NOAA plan

AP: Florida's island dwellers dig out from Ian's destruction

Times: As Joe Biden speaks next door, a Fort Myers Beach man wonders what's next

Times: After Ian, Hillsborough commission preaches patience and more power

Times: After Ian, Tampa Bay's tourism industry wants visitors to know: We're open for business

WLRN: As they help others, Ian firefighters neglect their own homes. That's where union solidarity steps in

WLRN: Migrant workers are likely vital to Florida's rebuild - but Hurricane Ian hit them too

WLRN: When flooding from Ian trapped one Florida town, an airboat navy came to the rescue

Sentinel: Hurricane Ian's trauma will leave a lasting mark on Floridians' mental health, experts say

Bradenton Herald: Hurricane Ian forces Bradenton to release 13 million gallons of sewage into Manatee River

Daily News: Naples mobile home dwellers get flooded — then kicked out. County officials say they did not order the action.

FlaPol: Personnel note: Mike Miller, Anna Alexopoulos Farrar head to Space Florida

Times: TV debate between DeSantis, Crist postponed due to Hurricane Ian

Times: Some of Crist's donors have stuck with him even after he switched parties

FlaPol: Split loyalties could threaten recreational cannabis amendment

FlaPol: Email insights: In DeSantis Country, female athletes report their menstruation history to the state

FlaPol: Hurricane Ian lands in Lincoln Project political ad hitting Gov. DeSantis

Today: Bill Posey's voting record ahead of Nov. election is raising eyebrows

Sun-Sentinel: 87,000 IRS agents are 'worst thing' of Biden's presidency, says Jared Moskowitz, congressional candidate. They'll 'be turned on the middle class.'

FlaPol: Black Republicans continue outcry over ad targeting Corey Simon

FlaPol: Americans for Prosperity endorses Carolina Amesty in HD 45

News4Jax: Jacksonville sheriff candidate Lakesha Burton responds to allegations made in campaign ad from opponent T.K. Waters

FlaPol: Frank Hibbard backs \$400M Bluffs project, associated referendum

FlaPol: Lawsuit against All For Transportation tax heads to court

FlaPol: Police officer fired for his political social media posts sues Kissimmee

Herald: In Miami, a new map entry: 'Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson Street' after hometown justice

Herald: Hialeah Gardens cop pawned agency-issued AR-15, stole partners credit card, police say

Times: Tampa Bay Rays trying to co-opt Tropicana Field redevelopment bid, pastor says

Times: Hillsborough schools adjust to make up 2 missed days during Hurricane Ian

My News 13: Orlando FreeFall to be taken down after Tyre Sampson's death

Times: USF names 4 finalists for a new provost following national search

Times: Florida districts look at closing, rezoning schools to better use space

NBC 6: Student Death at Broward School Highlights Urgency of Mental Health Support

Sun-Sentinel: 'Keep this quiet': A top Parkland cop repeatedly tried to downplay crime, including guns at school, his agency finds

About the Briefing!

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Website Links

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