



The Briefing for October 6, 2023

The last Briefing was September 30 – 2023

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

College Football link-

College Football Schedule for Week Six of the 2023 Season

Florida Teams

FIU lost to New Mexico State

Tulas plays at Florida Atlantic

Georgia Tech plays Miami

Virginia Tech takes on Florida State

Vanderbilt at UF

South Florida at UAB

FAMU at Southern

UCF at Kansas

The Quick

Revenue Report Shows Continued Positive Growth

[August 2023 - Monthly Revenue Report](#)

General Revenue collections for August 2023 showed a gain of \$285.7 million (8.8 percent) against the newly adopted forecast assumptions made by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) in August 2023, with the gain from a wide array of sources. After adjusting total Sales Tax collections for local taxes and distributions, audits, bad checks and transfers to Sales Tax from the Communications Services Tax, Sales Tax GR was \$136.9 million (5.1 percent) over the estimate for the month. August collections reflect activity that largely occurred in July.

Coalition Calls For Regional Approach to Challenges Resulting from Idalia and the announced closure of the Georgia Pacific plant in Taylor County

At its meeting on Wednesday, the Officers and Executive Committee of the Small County Coalition requested a regional approach to address the pressing challenges currently faced by many of the fiscally constrained counties in

the N.E. Central segment of the Big Bend Region as a result of damage from Hurricane Idalia and the announced closure of the Georgia Pacific plant in Taylor County, Coalition Chair Russell Melendy sent a letter indicating that that either one of the events alone would impact the economic stability of the “fragile” economies of the small counties, but both will cause long-term hardships for the hard-working people that live and want to stay in the region. Melendy’s letter expressed support for a sustained regional action plan. Link to Letter - . [Letter to Governor DeSantis regarding the NC Region - Idalia and Georgia Pacific closure. .docx](#)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Rural Counties Day 2024

January 24-25

At the Florida Capitol

For additional information -

[Rural County Days - 2024 Jan 24-25.docx](#)

Important Legislative Links

Local Delegation Hearings

[Legislative Delegation Hearings on the Calendar for October and November](#)

If your county hearing is not listed in the link above please send the details to events@lobbytools.com.

Draft Legislative Programs

The following documents will be up for final adoption in November at organizational meetings. The issues listed may be used to discuss priority concerns.

[Small School District Council Consortium - 2024 Legislative Priorities - Draft - August 2023 .docx](#)

[The Small County Coalition - 2024 Legislative Program -Draft .docx](#)

Local Funding Request Forms for Senate and House

[Senate 24-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form](#)

[2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form \[PDF\]](#)

[2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Requests](#)

[Prior Years Local Funding Initiative Requests](#)

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)

[Link to the Florida House of Representatives](#)

[The Florida Channel](#)

House Local Funding Documents

Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

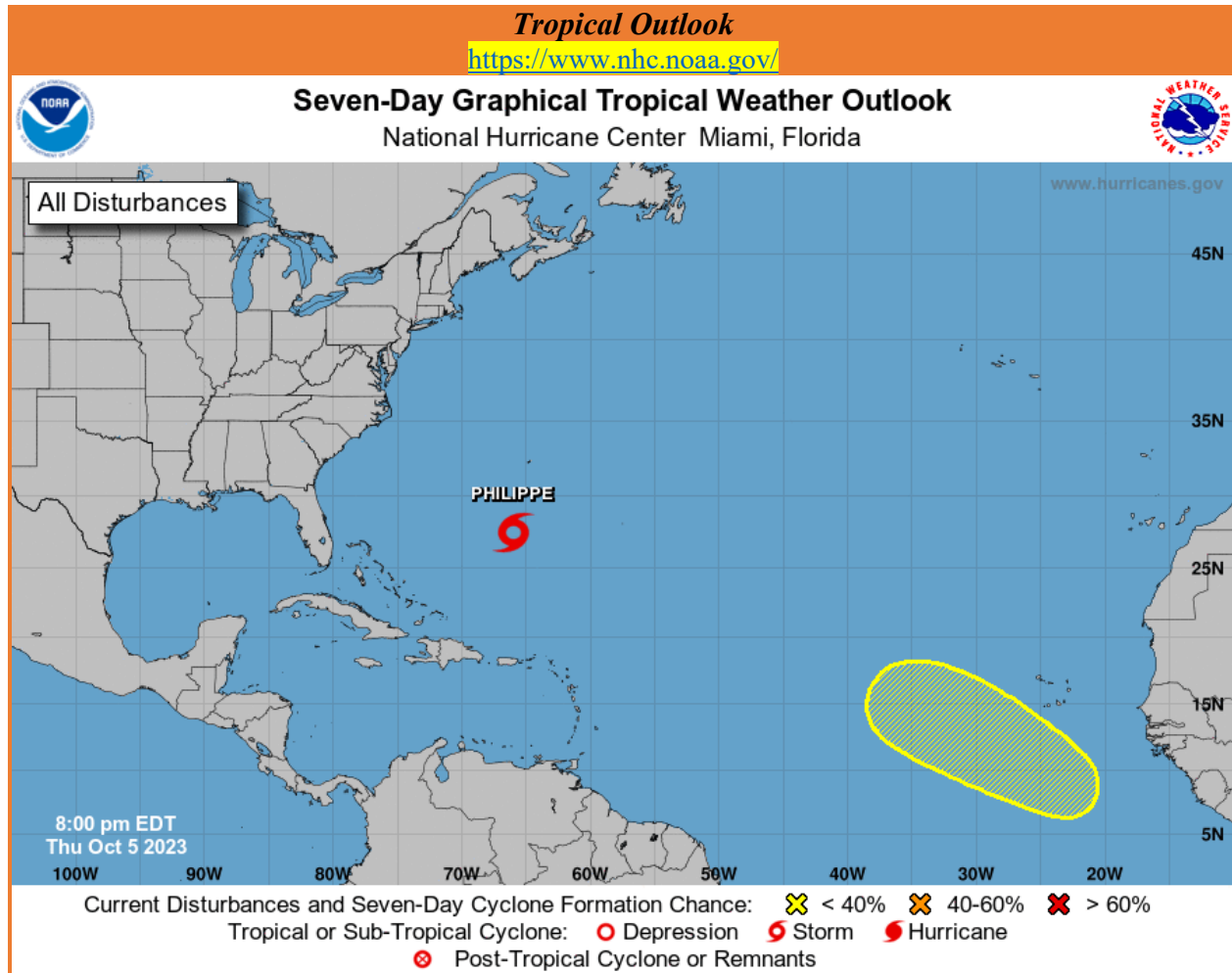
House Appropriations Project Request Form FY 2024-25

Appropriations Project Request Form Guidance - FY 2024-25

Attestation Form - FY 2024-25 Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Frequently Asked Questions and Materials: House Appropriations Projects

House Prior Year FY 2023-24 Requests



Headlines Around The State

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis hauls \$15M in Q3, with an eye toward make-or-break Iowa

The Floridian: DeSantis Says he Will Fulfill Trump's Promise of Making Mexico pay for Border Wall

Politico: 'He's about clicks': Florida Republicans furious at Gaetz

Herald: Trump, Gaetz to speak at same event in Florida just days after McCarthy ouster

FlaPol: Florida Republicans consider who should be the next House Speaker

Democrat: DeSantis administration disputes White House charge that FAMU is underfunded

FlaPol: 'Political considerations' won't drive Ron DeSantis' VP pick

The Hill: Gaetz knocks Speaker pro tem for sending lawmakers home to 'cry for a week'

The Floridian: Donalds Says McCarthy Ouster Stalled Appropriations Process

FlaPol: Rick Scott ad to tout his disaster funding win during Washington budget fight

The Floridian: Scott introduces bill to provide schools with anti-overdose drugs

Politico: Florida sues Biden administration in new dispute over unions

The Capitolist: Ashley Moody alleges retaliation by Biden Administration in union dues dispute

WSJ: Florida's Tough New Immigration Law Pushes Farms to Hire More Guest Workers

Democrat: Famous authors, new office, millions of bucks back anti-book banning campaign in Florida

WLRN: Florida man charged with voter fraud blames rivalry between Trump and DeSantis supporters

WUSF: Citizens extends Depopulation Program deadline to Oct. 10

Sentinel: Citizens offers up even more property policies to private insurers

Sentinel: GOP activist in The Villages accused of forging signature on dead dad's ballot

Times: Coral researchers see 'mass mortality' amid Florida Keys bleaching crisis

News4Jax: Ron DeSantis' campaign will move more staff to Iowa in his latest bet on the first caucuses

Politico: Matt Gaetz just positioned himself for Florida governor

Herald Tribune: 'Leader of the base': Matt Gaetz boosts profile amid buzz about running for governor

FlaPol: Florida leaders don't see Matt Gaetz's quarrels in Washington causing trouble back home

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis invokes his family while defending child rapist execution law

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis fills out controversial new GRU oversight board

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis vows to strip accreditation from colleges with DEI programs

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis promises to 'protect meat' from ESG

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis likens himself to Ronald Reagan while explaining how he gets results from the Legislature

The Capitolist: Florida's August revenue surpasses expectations with \$285.7 million gain

Sentinel: 3 arrests since Florida's new immigration crackdown went into effect

News-Press: Florida Lt. Gov. visits Sanibel to announce \$30M in cybersecurity grants. Why it matters

Democrat: A 69-year-old thought she was eligible to vote. Then police came knocking at 3 a.m.

WLRN: Family caregivers struggle to fill the gap in affordable long-term support and services

The Floridian: Miami Beach Legislator Introduces 12-Week Abortion Ban Anticipating Florida Supreme Court's Ruling

Today: Fine warns of escalating antisemitism after 'unsettling' encounter

Sun: Alachua County school district bans book on LGBTQ issues after rare challenge from parent

FlaPol: More than \$40M in unclaimed property returned to Floridians last month

On the Docket Around the State

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

- BOARD OF MEDICINE- Friday, 8 a.m. - The Florida Board of Medicine will meet. - Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport, 166 North Compass Way, Dania Beach.
- BOARD OF NURSING- Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. - Holiday Inn Orlando-Disney Springs, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- ST. LUCIE DELEGATION- Friday, 9 a.m. - The St. Lucie County legislative delegation is scheduled to meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. - Indian River State College, Pruitt Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie.
- MCFARLAND SPEAKS TO GOP WOMEN - Friday, 11:30 a.m. - Rep. Fiona McFarland, R-Fla., is slated to speak to the Republican Women’s Club of Sarasota. - Michael’s on East, 1212 South East Ave., Sarasota.
- PUTNAM COUNTY DELEGATION- Friday, 1 p.m. - The Putnam County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. - Putnam County Commission board room, 2509 Crill Ave., Palatka.
- WAKULLA DELEGATION- Friday, 2 pm. - The Wakulla County legislative delegation will meet as it prepares for the 2024 session, which will start in January. - Wakulla County Commission chamber, 29 Arran Road, Crawfordville.
- BIGGS SPEAKS TO LAKE GOP - Friday, 7 p.m. - U.S. Rep. Andy Biggs, R-Ariz., is slated to speak during the Lake County Republican Party’s Lincoln-Reagan Dinner. - The Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Court, Leesburg.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

- FROST, GIFFORDS AT DEMS EVENT - Saturday, 7:30 p.m. - U.S. Rep. Maxwell Alejandro Frost, D-Fla., and former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., will speak during the Palm Beach County Democratic Party’s Truman Kennedy Johnson gala. - West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.

About the Briefing!

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