

Local Option Sales Tax Expenditures

Anticipated expenditures through May 21, 2024

The residents of Charlotte County have approved six local option sales tax referendums since 1994. The money raised (more than \$516,000,000) has funded the quality-of-life projects listed on this document. Using sales tax revenue spreads the cost of these projects among seasonal visitors, tourists, businesses and residents.

	Charlotte County Projects 2020				
1	Charlotte County Public Schools Security Upgrades	\$5,000,000	Complete		
2	Water Quality Infrastructure	\$7,000,000			
3	Family Services Center Phase 2	\$10,900,000	Complete		
4	Edgewater Drive Phases 3-5 design/Phase 4 construction	\$28,500,000	Under Design		
5	Harborview Road	\$8,250,000	Under Design		
6	Fire Station 17	\$5,500,000			
7	Airport Rescue Firefighter Training Prop – Phase 2	\$5,600,000	Complete		
8	Radio Management Warehouse	\$750,000			
9	CCSO Administration Bldg./Hardened 911	\$19,000,000	Under construction		
10	Port Charlotte Beach Park Recreation Center	\$10,000,000	Under design		
11	G.C. Herring Park	\$2,500,000			
12	William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park Phase 1	\$1,750,000	In permitting		
13	Bicycle, Pedestrian Sidewalks and Trails	\$6,000,000			
15	Fire Station 6	\$4,500,000			
16	Fire Station 3	\$4,500,000			
17	CCSO District 4 and Training Complex	\$9,300,000	Under construction		
18	Water Quality – Vacuum Stations	\$3,000,000			
19	CCSO District 2	\$5,600,000			
20	Charlotte Sports Park renovation	\$6,000,000			
21	South County Annex	\$11,200,000			
22	Edgewater Drive Phase 3	\$10,000,000			
23	Port Charlotte Beach Park Pool	\$4,500,000			
24	Library Renovations	\$1,000,000			
	Total	\$169,350,000			

	Charlotte County Projects 2014				
1	Olean Boulevard Widening	\$9,914,000	Complete		
2	Piper Road North Improvements	\$13,600,000	Complete		
3	Jail Expansion – Medical Wing	\$8,662,184.43	Complete		
4	Charlotte County Sheriff District 1 Headquarters	\$3,690,993.92	Complete		
5	Mac V. Horton West County Annex Replacement	\$5,178,707	Complete		
6	Public Safety Digital Radio System	\$8,980,000	Complete		
7	Fiber to Fire Stations	\$140,987	Complete		
8	McGuire Park Phase 1	\$1,252,000	Complete		
9	Veterans Memorial Park	\$692,692	Complete		
10	Family Services Center Expansion and Remodeling	\$10,647,000	Complete		
11	Recreation Center Renovations	\$4,123,000	Complete		
12	Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Splash Pad	\$400,000	Complete		
13	Punta Gorda Charlotte Library	\$7,801,000	Complete		
14	Centennial Park Recreation Center ¹	\$10,310,450	Complete		
15	Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Recreation Center	\$7,056,000	Complete		
16	Multi-use Trails and On-road Bicycle Lanes	\$3,800,000	Complete		
17	Riverwalk ² /Gateway Project	\$4,271,297	Complete		
18	Front Entry Access Control (School project)	\$1,074,700	Complete		
19	Classroom Security Function Lock Sets (School project)	\$676,223	Complete		
20	Wireless Access Points (School project)	\$423,900	Complete		
21	Centennial Park Pool ¹	\$6,819,041.66	Complete		

22	Sailing Center at Port Charlotte Beach Park		\$588,461	Complete
23	Placida Boat Ramp		\$7,000,000	In permitting
24	Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park Splash Pad		\$400,000	Complete
25	Justice Center Generator		\$900,000	Complete
26	William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park Phase 1		\$2,050,000	Complete
	¹ formerly North Charlotte Regional Park			
	² formerly known as Harbor Walk 7	Fotal	\$120,452,637	

Charlotte County Projects 2008				
1	Burnt Store Phase 3	\$20,000,000	Complete	
2	Edgewater Corridor Phase 2	\$19,427,095	Complete	
3	Midway – Elkcam to Kings Highway	\$25,405,710	Complete	
4	C.R. 775/Placida Road	\$9,813,920	Complete	
5	Sidewalks	\$8,543,793	Complete	
6	C.R. 771/Gasparilla Road	\$18,198,280	Complete (used other funds)	
	Total	\$101,388,798		

	Charlotte County Projects 2002				
1	Edgewater Mitigation Land (Scrub jays)	\$1,700,000	Complete		
2	Burnt Store Road Safety Features	\$3,000,000	Complete		
3	Veterans Boulevard	\$7,300,000	Complete		
4	Fire Rescue Tech Truck	\$200,000	Complete		
5	EOC/9-1-1 Center	\$3,575,000	Complete		
6	Expand Emergency Radio System	\$3,200,000	Complete		
7	Fire Rescue Mobile Operations Truck	\$550,000	Complete		
8	South County Regional Park – all phases	\$8,991,000	Complete		
9	Oyster Creek Regional Park ¹ – all phases	\$7,957,000	Complete		
10	Bayshore Live Oaks Park – Phases I & II	\$5,180,000	Complete		
11	Boat Ramps – expand existing/add parking	\$3,000,000	Complete		
12	Oyster Creek Regional Park ¹ Pool	\$2,000,000	Complete		
13	Murdock Business Park – Project Development	\$3,000,000	Complete		
14	Homeless Shelter – Funded Homeless Coalition Projects	\$600,000	Complete		
15	Fair Association Expo Building	\$600,000	Complete		
16	Connect School Operations to County Radio System	\$100,000	Complete		
17	Upgrade Three School Gymnasiums – PCHS/LBHS/CHS	\$3,200,000	Complete		
18	Sidewalks – around schools and linkage	\$5,700,000	Complete		
19	Regional Water Interconnects – Englewood & Punta Gorda	\$8,978,365	Complete		
20	U.S. 41 Revitalization	\$4,287,000	Complete		
21	Englewood Fire/EMS Station (Englewood Fire District)	\$2,424,000	Complete		
22	North County Regional Park ² – all phases	\$4,332,330	Complete		
23	Auditorium/Event Center	\$5,919,442	Complete		
24	Reclaimed Water for U.S. 41 Revitalization	\$14,712	Complete (used other funds)		
25	Airport Commerce Park – Water Retention/Stormwater	\$1,200,000	Complete		
26	Airport Commerce Park – Piper Road Phase I	\$5,000,000	Complete		
27	Winchester Corridor	\$8,989,793	Complete		
28	Fire Training Facility	\$91,489	Complete		
29	Aqui Esta	\$900,000	Complete		
30	Edgewater/Flamingo Corridor	\$15,900,000	Complete		
	¹ Now Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park				
	² Now Centennial Park				
	Total	\$117,890,131			

Charlotte County Projects 1998				
1	Winchester Blvd. Hurricane Evacuation Route	\$11,362,000	Complete	
2	30+ miles of Sidewalks	\$11,810,000	Complete	
3	Franz Ross Park	\$950,000	Complete	
4	Englewood Beach Park	\$1,127,000	Complete	
5	Stump Pass Beach	\$100,000	Complete	

6	911 Equipment/Dispatch	\$1,000,000	Complete
7	Special ops vehicle and 2 rescue units	\$555,000	Complete
8	Emergency shelter & 15 refuge sites	\$550,000	Complete
9	Amberjack Environmental Park	\$400,000	Complete
10	Oyster Creek Environmental Park	\$500,000	Complete
11	Port Charlotte Beach Park	\$700,000	Complete
12	Rotonda Community Park	\$300,000	Complete
13	South County Regional Park Phase I	\$2,500,000	Complete
14	West County Regional Park ¹ Phase I (Oyster Creek)	\$2,500,000	Complete
15	North County Regional Park ² Phase I	\$3,550,000	Complete
16	New Fire Stations #13 & 14	\$1,840,000	Complete
17	Cultural Center Expansion & Renovation	\$6,436,000	Complete
18	Center for Performing Arts @ Charlotte High	\$1,500,000	Complete
19	Mid-County Regional Library	\$8,139,000	Complete
20	Sunrise Environmental Park	\$700,000	Complete
21	Emergency Shelter @ Dept of Health	\$505,000	Complete
	¹ Now Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park		
	² Now Centennial Park		
	Total	\$57,024,000	

Charlotte County Projects 1994				
1	Charlotte County Jail	\$25,291,000	Complete	
2	Charlotte County Justice Center	\$26,885,000	Complete	
	Total	\$52,176,000		

	City of Punta Gorda Projects 1994,		
1	Freeman House & Gov Center Plaza/Parking	\$1,933,000	Complete
2	City Contribution to Historic Courthouse Renovations	\$1,009,000	Complete
3	Police/Fire/Emergency Vehicles, Equipment	\$2,830,000	
4	Bridge Lights	\$139,000	
5	City Contribution to Center for Performing Arts	\$350,000	
6	Fleet Maintenance Building	\$500,000	
7	Public Safety Building, Fire Stations 2 & 3	\$4,745,000	
8	Park Land Acquisition & Development	\$1,490,000	
9	Laishley Park	\$2,169,000	Complete
10	Martin Luther King Blvd Streetscape	\$350,000	Complete
11	Harborwalk at Event Center	\$750,000	Complete
12	City Beautification (U.S. 41 & other areas)	\$705,000	Complete
13	Taylor Street Parking Improvements	\$323,000	Complete
14	Public Works/Utility Complex	\$4,850,000	Complete
15	Day Docks	\$158,000	Complete
16	Computer Aided Dispatch & Records Management	\$424,000	Complete
17	Punta Gorda Pathways	\$5,006,000	Complete
18	Downtown Flooding Mitigation (Phase 1)	\$1,101,000	Complete
19	Downtown Flooding Mitigation (Phase 2)	\$407,000	Complete
20	Laishley Park Irrigation & Drainage	\$350,000	Complete
21	800 MHz Radio System	\$520,000	Complete
22	Police/Public Works/Code Vehicles	\$557,000	Complete
23	Project Management	\$768,000	Complete
24	Interest on Project Financing	\$772,000	Complete
25	Energy Improvements	\$456,000	Complete
26	Punta Gorda Pathways/Harborwalk	\$7,875,000	Complete
27	Stormwater	\$1,060,000	Complete
28	Street Lighting	\$345,000	•
29	Sidewalks	\$480,000	Complete
30	Technology–Website, network, phone, computers	\$585,000	Complete

31	Fleet–Fire engine, police cars, truck		\$1,300,000	Complete
32	Facilities–Restrooms, lighting, chamber equipment		\$280,000	Complete
33	Waterfront Activity Center design		\$75,000	
34	Public Safety Building expansion		\$5,427,500	Conducting needs analysis
35	Historic District Infrastructure		\$1,038,000	Budgeted for 2025
36	Henry St. Crosswalk		\$240,000	Conducting engineering study
37	Henry St. Sidewalk		\$150,000	In design and permitting
38	Shreve St. Improvements		\$225,000	Under design
39	Burnt Store Traffic Signal		\$1,100,000	
40	Copper St. Improvements		\$991,000	On hold
41	U.S. 17 Improvements		\$519,000	On hold
42	ADA Improvements		\$779,000	Ongoing
43	Boca Grande Area Drainage Improvements		\$2,976,000	Construction set for 12/24
44	Historic City Hall Preservation		\$3,608,000	Construction set for late 2024
45	Freeman House Preservation		\$200,000	Obtaining cost estimate
46	Bayfront Activity Center		\$330,785	Finalizing demo requirements
47	Henry Street Property Improvements		\$2,817,000	
	*Funding from other sources may be used to complete projects	Total	\$65,063,285	

NOTE: Funds have been placed in reserve for all projects not yet completed. Some projects received additional funding from other sources, such as matching grants, gas taxes and impact fees.

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