

A Community Investment



Past projects funded by the 1% Local Option Sales Tax include:

- ♦ Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center
- ♦ Englewood Beach Park
- ♦ Charlotte County Jail
- ♦ Charlotte County Justice Center
- ♦ Winchester Boulevard Hurricane Evacuation Route
- ♦ 30+ miles of sidewalks
- ♦ Mid-County Regional Library
- ♦ Punta Gorda Charlotte Library
- ♦ 911 Equipment/Dispatch
- ♦ Veterans Boulevard
- ♦ Dever Regional Park Recreation Center
- ♦ Centennial Park Recreation Center
- ♦ Boat Ramps
- ♦ Emergency Operations Center
- ♦ Piper Road North
- ♦ Burnt Store Road
- ♦ Edgewater Corridor
- ♦ Midway Boulevard

For a complete list of projects funded by past 1% local option sales tax, visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a new tax?

No, this is NOT a new tax. There will be no increase in the amount of sales tax you currently pay. This is a continuation of the existing 1% local option sales tax that was first approved in 1994. The referendum on the Nov. 3 ballot, if approved by voters, would extend the tax for an additional six years. The 1% local option sales tax is applied to transactions subject to state sales tax—not food, medicine or certain services—and only to the first \$5,000 of large purchases.

What are the advantages of using a sales tax?

It is a funding source paid by everyone, not just local property owners. Tourists and visitors contribute towards projects that improve the quality of life for everyone.

What did the county do with sales tax funds already collected?

In 1994, voters approved the 1% local option sales tax for a four-year period for two specific projects, the construction of a new justice center and jail. In 1998, 2002, 2008 and 2014, voters approved extensions that funded over 117 projects.

What does the City of Punta Gorda receive?

Under Florida Statute, Punta Gorda receives approx. 10% of the 1% local option sales tax revenue.

When would the extension of the existing 1% local option sales tax begin, and how much would be collected?

If approved by voters, the extension would begin Jan. 1, 2021 and continue for six years until Dec. 31, 2026, with conservative estimates placing collections at \$20 million per year (with the county's and city's portions \$18 million and \$2 million, respectively).

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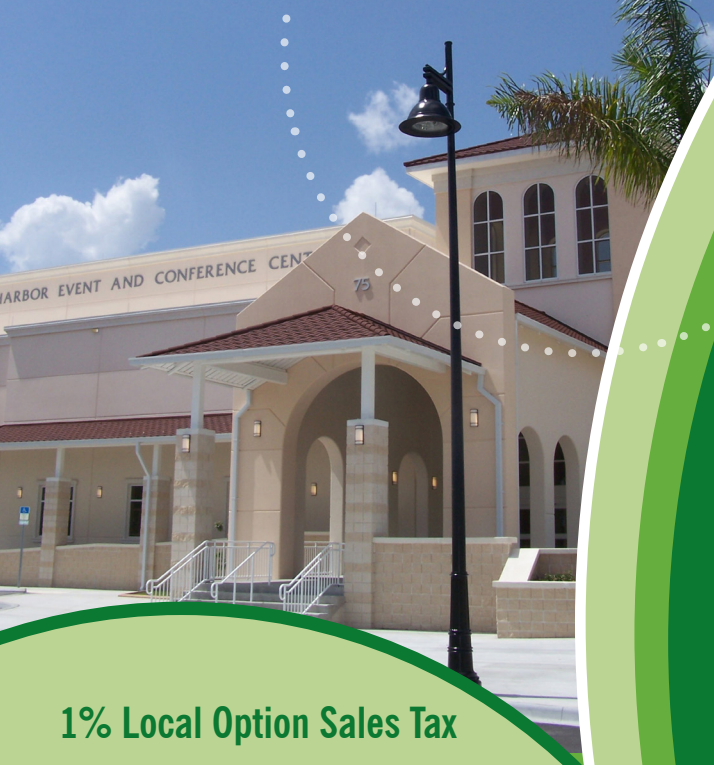


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1% Local Option Sales Tax Revenue Funds Critical Projects

With voter approval, counties can increase the statewide 6% sales tax to 7% for infrastructure needs. These monies can be used for a wide range of capital infrastructure expenses. Charlotte County and its residents have benefitted from four prior 1% local option sales tax programs. The programs, started in 1994, and three extensions in 1998, 2002, and 2008, have produced a total of approximately \$430 million in revenue. Funds from the 1% local option sales tax have been used to complete 83 projects in Charlotte County and 33 projects in the City of Punta Gorda.

The 1% local option sales tax provides an alternative to raising property taxes for funding projects that improve the quality of life of Charlotte County residents.

For a list of past projects, visit www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

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If approved by voters in November, the 1% local option sales tax will be extended for six more years. From 2021 to 2026, one cent on each dollar spent in Charlotte County will fund the following projects:

Quality of Life

- ◆ Port Charlotte Beach Park Recreation Center Renovation
- ◆ G.C. Herring Park
- ◆ William R. Gaines Jr. Veterans Memorial Park
- ◆ Bicycle, Pedestrian Sidewalks and Trails

Public Safety

- ◆ New Fire Station 17
- ◆ Airport Rescue and Firefighting Training Prop
- ◆ Radio Management Warehouse
- ◆ CCSO Administration/911

Public Safety (cont.)

- ◆ Fire Station 6 Replacement
- ◆ Fire Station 3 Replacement
- ◆ CCSO District 4 and Training Complex

Transportation/Infrastructure

- Water Quality Infrastructure
- Family Services Center – Phase 2
- Edgewater Drive Phases 3-5 Design and Phase 4 Construction
- Harborview Road

Schools

- Security Upgrades

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The **City of Punta Gorda** will fund a Public Safety Building expansion, sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA upgrades, Burnt Store Road traffic light, new Bayfront Center and historic preservation projects with their approx. 10% portion of the sales tax revenues. For information, visit www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us.