

Alachua County Capital Project Policies and Administrative Procedures

The following information may be useful to proposers. The information below is provided as a convenience. It is a summary of excerpts and represents some, but not necessarily all of the Board of County Commissioners' capital and building performance policies. All proposers are urged to look at source documentation.

Alachua County Comprehensive Plan 2019-2040

See the Capital Improvement Element for all policies

Excerpts

Policy 1.2.5 c. Government buildings and facilities - LOS guidelines based on Alachua County Master Space Plan adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on June 13, 1995, and any amendments thereto. Facilities shall incorporate and recognize urban design principles. Life cycle costs shall be considered in the design and construction of government facilities, and the analysis shall be presented to the Board for consideration. The County shall implement an Energy Conservation Plan including a program to track the use of energy and water in facilities owned by the County and reducing energy consumption as it relates to budgetary constraints. The County shall require energy efficient retrofits of existing facilities and will ensure energy efficient objectives are met in the planning and construction of any new facilities.

Policy 1.6.12 Alachua County shall consider a Sustainability Index for use in assessing proposed capital projects.

Policy 1.6.13 Alachua County shall consider life cycle costs in decisions on capital projects.

Policy 1.6.14 Address disparities as identified in "Understanding Racial Inequity In Alachua County" (BEER, 2018) as a factor in decisions on capital improvement projects.

See the Energy Element for all policies

Excerpts

OBJECTIVE 2.2 - COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The County shall explore new opportunities and adopt measures to conserve energy, maximize energy efficiency and use renewable energy in County facilities.

Policy 2.2.1 Weatherize all County buildings to the maximum extent practical.

Policy 2.2.3 Construct all new County facilities to conform to a nationally recognized, high performance energy efficiency standard and to Florida Water Star standards.

Policy 5.1.5 Energy usage and costs shall be considered as part of the life cycle analysis required for capital project decisions by the County.

OBJECTIVE 5.2

Increase the use of renewable energy in County government.

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Policy 5.2.1 The County's goal by 2030 is that 100% of energy purchased or produced for County facilities be from solar photovoltaic sources, with an interim target of 50% by 2025.

Policy 5.2.2 The County shall incorporate renewable energy production into County facilities where appropriate.

Capital Program Administrative Procedure

AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 20-42

DATED 06/09/2020

Excerpts

4) Project Budgeting

In addition to the actual cost of a project, the following budgets shall be included:

A. Energy and Water Considerations for Capital Projects

I. Energy usage and costs shall be considered as part of the life cycle analysis required for capital project decisions by the County.

II. An energy and water conservation component shall be included for consideration by the Board.

III. Energy components shall include:

- 1) Energy conservation power down plans that insure all unnecessary energy consumption ends after business hours
- 2) Building envelope weatherization where possible
- 3) Efficiency improvements to the building equipment and machinery
- 4) Renewable energy additions for all new county construction and where possible existing buildings
- 5) Water conservation and efficiency improvements

B. Art in Public Places pursuant to Alachua County Code Chapter 29

I. Any original construction or major renovation of a County building, facility, park, or space (excluding transportation projects) of at least \$300,000 shall include in its budget 1%, up to \$100,000, of the construction costs for architectural enhancements, special landscape treatments, paintings, sculpture, engravings, murals, mobiles, photographs, drawings and/or works in fabric for the project.

II. Art in Public Places funds will be used in accordance with Alachua County Code Chapter 29.

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III. The County will use the Alachua County Public Arts Program Citizens Advisory Committee to assist in the selection of art from capital projects of \$1.0 million and above. For projects under \$1.0 million, staff will make recommendations, consistent with Alachua County Code Chapter 29. The Board may make the final selection from those options presented or any option upon its own motion.