



2022 FEDC Legislative Priorities

The Florida Economic Development Council (FEDC) is a 501c6 led by 430 economic, workforce, and community developers across 160 organizations who improve local communities and elevate Florida's global competitiveness through job creation and capital investment in high wage, in-demand occupations that diversify Florida's economy and increase Gross Domestic Product. Investment in infrastructure and talent, particularly given the extreme diversity between rural, metropolitan, coastal, and inland communities, will grow industries such as manufacturing, which generates the greatest economic impact to a community or region. As a champion of the [Florida 2030 Blueprint](#), FEDC is:

- Aligning regional economic development strategies with the Florida 2030 Blueprint goals
- Working to double the rural share of Florida's GDP
- Helping Florida become the most diversified state economy

As such, the Board of Directors of the Florida Economic Development Council establishes the following 2022 Florida Legislative Priorities:

- FEDC supports GDP growth in Rural Florida, specifically [SB 800](#) sponsored by Senator Ben Albritton and related [HB 685](#) sponsored by Representative Brad Drake providing tax relief for companies creating net new jobs and investing in site readiness and talent development.
- FEDC supports elevating Florida's competitiveness by consistently and aggressively marketing Florida's brand as a business-friendly state in both domestic and international markets.
- FEDC supports continued investment in Talent and Infrastructure through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund in the amount of \$100,000,000 as recommend in Governor Ron DeSantis' Freedom First Budget.
- FEDC supports maintaining and enhancing the CareerSource Florida Quick Response Training (QRT) grant program.
- FEDC supports collaboration between and among Florida's higher education and training providers to increase alignment with business needs.
- Moreover, FEDC supports effective programs throughout the economic & workforce development ecosystem administered by Enterprise Florida, Space Florida, CareerSource Florida, Veterans Florida, Florida Rural EDA, Florida SBDC Network, The Corridor, GrowFL, FloridaMakes, Florida Chamber Foundation, and state academic institutions that connect existing and new businesses with the critical infrastructure and talent they need to innovate, grow, and thrive.