

Enterprise Florida Operating Budget	<p>Enterprise Florida and its statewide partners play a vital role in economic development and job creation for the state. Competition for high-skill, high-wage job creation projects continues to increase and EFI is aggressively promoting Florida as the best business state in the nation.</p> <p>EFI supports fully funding Enterprise Florida’s recurring operating budget at \$16.2 million.</p>
“Florida – The Future is Here” Marketing campaign	<p>The Governor’s Securing Florida’s Future budget continues the annual investment of \$7.5 million for EFI to aggressively market what Florida has to offer to businesses which will help lead to more job creation and economic diversity.</p> <p>EFI supports the appropriation of \$7.5 million recurring in order to effectively promote Florida as a top destination for business.</p>
Enhancing Florida’s Military & Defense Programs	<p>This year’s proposed legislative package strengthens programs and activities that preserve, protect and grow Florida’s military missions and installations. This proposal strengthens Florida’s military base protection posture ahead of potential Department of Defense realignments and/or closures and keeps Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.</p> <p>EFI supports streamlining and strengthening Florida’s Military & Defense Programs. EFI supports the continued appropriation of \$2 million for the Florida Defense and Support Task Force.</p>
Florida Sports Foundation	<p>This legislative session the Florida Sports Foundation is seeking approval of the Orlando City Soccer specialty license tag as allowed by Florida Statutes 320.08058. Sales of the professional team tag will generate funding for promotion of Florida as the destination of choice for sports tourism and development.</p> <p>EFI supports the Florida Sports Foundation’s legislative agenda. EFI supports the continued appropriation of \$4.7 million for the Florida Sports Foundation.</p>
Florida Job Growth Grant Fund	<p>This fund provides grants for approved local initiatives specifically designed to support broad-based economic growth by improving infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and water/wastewater systems. The fund also supports Florida’s growing workforce by providing grants for job training and skills enhancement in targeted growth industries.</p> <p>EFI supports fully funding the continuation of the Job Growth Grant Fund at \$85 million.</p>
Rural Infrastructure Fund	<p>This fund encourages job growth and economic development in Florida’s rural communities. This year the Governor has recommended doubling the funding for the Rural Infrastructure fund, so that additional rural areas in Florida can access funding needed to be successful in today’s competitive job marketplace.</p> <p>EFI supports securing the future of Florida’s rural communities by funding the Rural Infrastructure Fund at \$3.2 million.</p>
Quick Response Training Grants (Florida Flex)	<p>As high-skill positions continue to open across the state, the need for a highly-trained workforce grows. Quick Response Training (QRT) funding allows employers to train employees and encourages them to continue growing in Florida.</p> <p>EFI supports CareerSource Florida’s budget request of \$20 million for Quick Response Training (QRT) funding.</p>
Business Climate	<p>EFI supports the Governor’s proposed \$180 million in tax cuts to help Florida families and small businesses as well as his legislative proposals that reduce regulations and improve the state’s business environment. EFI also supports Florida’s business advocates including VISIT FLORIDA, Space Florida, the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Associated Industries of Florida, Small Business Development Center, Florida Economic Development Council, Florida Council of 100, Florida TaxWatch and the Manufacturers Association of Florida pursuing these objectives.</p>