

Mahoney Delivers Funding for Charlotte

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Funding Allows for New Library, New Veterans Service Building, Improvements to Public Schools, and an Expansion of a Nurse Training Program

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) today announced that an appropriations bill approved by the U.S. House of Representatives last night included over \$1 million in funding for local priorities, including \$625,000 for Charlotte County and \$425,000 for Highlands County.

The funding includes \$300,000 to construct a library in Charlotte County with historical archives designed to withstand catastrophic storms, \$75,000 to expand the basic nursing program at Edison College's Charlotte Campus, and \$250,000 for the Charlotte County School District for special education LEP students.

"I am proud to have been able to help Charlotte County secure funding for our community's priorities, including constructing a new library, training nurses, and making sure our students get the best education available," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

"I would like to thank Congressman Mahoney for his leadership in securing funding for Edison College's Nursing Expansion Project at the Charlotte Campus. This money will allow us address the growing shortage of qualified nurses and ensure that those in need get the care they deserve," said Dr. Patricia Land, President of the Edison College Charlotte Campus.

The bill also includes \$425,000 for constructing a new Highlands County Veterans Service Office.

"This funding will help make sure our veterans get the assistance and care they need. The Highlands County Veterans Service Office will be able to construct a new facility to better serve our veterans community," said Congressman Tim Mahoney.

The appropriations bill is awaiting action in the Senate.

FL16 Projects Labor HHS Education Appropriations Bill

Veteran Services Building - \$425,000

This funding will allow Highlands County to construct a stand alone building for the Highlands County Veterans Service Office. Currently the Office uses a small office space in the County Health Department's building, which is no longer adequate for their current needs. The VSO assists local veterans in the application for veterans' benefits and services. They also run other veterans and community programs and provide limited health services.

Charlotte Program Basic Nursing Program - \$75,000

This funding will to Edison Community College's Nursing Expansion Project at the Charlotte Campus of Edison College. The funding will allow the program to train more nursing professionals to alleviate the nursing shortage in Florida.

District Wide Instruction Using Technology for LEP Students - \$250,000

This funding will allow the Charlotte County School District to develop and expand critically needed technology for a customized instructional system to address the special education students and the students with need for English proficiencies.

South County Regional Library and Historic Archives Center - \$300,000

This funding will allow Charlotte County to construct a library and historical archives to serve Charlotte County, FL. The archives will be a secure central facility designed to prevent further loss of historic information. During the 2004 hurricane season, the county lost a significant amount of material when several many of the counties buildings were destroyed.

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