

HISTORIC CITY HALL PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION

Department & Contact: Urban Design, Urban Design Manager, Joan F. LeBeau, AICP,
jlebeau@cityofpuntafordafl.com

Area: City of Punta Gorda
Location: 326 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda
Category: Preservation of Infrastructure

Focus Area(s): Infrastructure and Public Services

Need:

Punta Gorda City Hall is a historically significant building and City icon. It is a living, functioning connection to the history and heritage of the City of Punta Gorda. Its value has been formalized by its inclusion as a contributing structure to the Punta Gorda National Register Historic District. In a City that places a high value on its rich history this building is simply worth saving as many of the systems have reached the end of the lifecycle.

Purpose:

To rehabilitate and preserve the buildings aging infrastructure and increase the accessibility and capacity of the facility to enhance the quality of life for City residents and visitors. Replace aging infrastructure and prevent further deterioration of the structure.

Objective:

Rehabilitation and preservation of the 1926 Historic City Hall Facility, and the replacement of the 1978 addition. Facility improvements include but are not limited to improving the building envelope by mitigating the moisture and thermal infiltration to stop the deterioration to the building; replace the inadequate and failing mechanical and plumbing systems; improve the accessibility by ensuring full compliance with the American with Disabilities Act standards; enhance security features for staff and visitors; provide a larger Council Chambers room with enhanced audio and video capabilities; conference room(s); restroom facilities; and staff offices.

Project Cost Prior Funding:	\$0
Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$4,120,000
Project Cost Required New Sales Tax:	\$2,953,000 – Tier I \$655,000 – Tier II
Annual Operating Cost:	\$TBD

Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?

Yes, access to Historic City Hall and improvements to Council Chambers can have positive effects on health and quality of life for the City

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?

No

Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?
Yes, access to Historic City Hall and improvements to Council Chambers can have positive effects on health and quality of life for the City

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?
No

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?
Yes, increased O&M for ongoing maintenance is anticipated

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?
Yes, sales tax may allow for grant funds from other entities at least via cost sharing scenarios

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2014 sales tax extension?
No

Is this a joint project with another entity?
Yes, Public Works, Facilities, and Urban Design, and Coastal and the Charlotte Heartland National Estuary Partnership

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?
No

Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?

Yes, this project is included in the City of Punta Gorda's Comprehensive Plan Historic Element; Master Plan; and Historic City Hall Needs Analysis Report

Will the project impact environmental quality of the City of Punta Gorda? If so, how?
Yes, access to Historic City Hall and improvements to Council Chambers can have positive effects on health and quality of life for the City

Is the project state or federally mandated?
No

Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?
No