City of Brevard 2025 Legislative Requests

Direct Allocation Requests		
Project	Amount	Description
Brevard Wastewater Treatment Plan Replacement	$52,000,000	The upgrade/replacement of the city's aging WWTP is Brevard's most critical infrastructure need to ensure economic competitiveness and environmental health. The city appreciates the $13M allocated in the last Long Session budget. Thought it was earmarked for general "water and wastewater infrastructure projects" the city intends to use it for its WWTP. So far $352,000 has been encumbered for Preliminary Engineering, with more identified for actual engineering costs. Brevard requests additional consideration in future budgets for construction costs.

Policy Requests	
Housing	Brevard requests support for legislation that: • Permits public entities to financially support workforce housing serving beneficiaries having incomes up to 120% of AMI • Amends North Carolina's Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) formula to make small, rural communities more competitive. • Names housing as an eligible "tourism-related" expense so that duly-chartered Tourism Development Authorities can use occupancy tax proceeds to support housing development. The lack of housing units affordable to tourism-industry workers is inhibiting the growth of the tourism sector in the area. • Names housing as an economic development tool, making housing eligible for funding/programs that support ED.
Local control of planning/zoning	Brevard requests support for legislation that: • Preserves its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Brevard's irregular corporate boundaries mean that built-up areas exist in unincorporated areas immediately adjacent to incorporated ones. ETJ gives Brevard the ability to ensure that incompatible land uses are not placed next to each other, and that property values, health, and safety are protected. • Replaces or amends previous legislation that limits local governments' authority to initiate, implement, and enforce

	zoning changes and make decision about land use within their jurisdiction as long as they do not conflict with state or federal laws. • Maintains local control over planning/zoning decisions where local conditions are better understood and local voices can be considered. Over the last two years Brevard has exercised great regulatory sensitivity when it comes to land use regulation. The city removed outdates zoning restrictions and adopted a future land use map informed by public engagement.
Storm recovery/resiliency	Brevard requests support for legislation that: • Provides grants to business and individuals to help recover from storm-related loss. • Supplements Federal programs like Hazard Mitigation Grant Program with State dollars. • Provides local governments with authority to flexibly apply their local regulations to support recover.

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