City of Brevard 2026 Legislative Requests

Direct Allocation Requests		
Project	Amount	Description
Brevard Wastewater Treatment Plan Upgrade Phase 2 Design and Engineering	$2,600,000	This is Brevard's top priority both in this request and in its long-term list of capital improvements. The city appreciates the $13M allocated in the 2023 state budget that was earmarked for general "water and wastewater infrastructure projects". The city applied those funds to completing Phase 1 of this project. Brevard requests $2.6M to begin design, engineering, and permitting for Phase 2 which, when constructed, will replace the city's antiquated and inefficient biological treatment process with modern technology.
Stormwater Master Plan: Jumping Branch Watershed Improvements	$18,000,000	Brevard conducted a stormwater masterplan study in 2007 and in the intervening years has constructed some of its proposed improvements. However, the plan's most significant project has been out of reach. The proposed six-phase improvements for Brevard's Jumping Creek Watershed total $9.2M in 2007 dollars. The project will improve stormwater conveyance and minimize nuisance flooding in downtown Brevard and near Transylvania County's library, daycare center, and park on Broad Street.
Brevard Recreation Complex Restrooms and Paving	$400,000	In 2023 a generous private donation funded the construction of a competition-grade lighted turf soccer field at the city's recreation complex, making the facility eligible to host region-wide tournaments. The park's existing restroom facilities are on the opposite end of the property across a gravel parking lot, thus making access challenging for those with mobility limitations. The City of Brevard requests funds to construct new restroom facilities on the soccer side of the property and pave/restripe the gravel parking lot, thus improving the safety and accessibility of the entire facility.
Inflow and Infiltration Improvements in upper Brushy Creek Watershed	$2,000,000	Infiltration of rainwater into Brevard's sanitary sewer system taxes the capacity of our WWTP. City crews have been making slow but steady progress using city fund, but a direct allocation would

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		accelerate repairs and protect the new WWTP into the future.
Brevard Fire Depart Engine Replacement	$1,200,000	Brevard Fire Dept. has two sister Engines that were purchased in 2005 that are next on the department's Apparatus Replacement Schedule. Most manufactures are currently quoting a 3 year build time, and current pricing for a custom Engine is around $1.2M.
City of Brevard Facility Study	$100,000	The City of Brevard municipal building is aging, and its square footage inadequate for efficient operations. The city has relocated Brevard Police Department from city hall to leased space. We request state assistance to study our overall facility needs.

Policy Requests	
Local government revenue	Brevard requests support for legislation that: • Preserves local government's ability to set its property tax rate at levels commensurate with their residents' service level expectations without State government restrictions. • If a referendum must be used, revises ballot language to make clear to voters what the text of the constitutional amendment would be, and how and when the limits would be imposed.
Housing	Brevard requests support for legislation that: • Permits public entities to financially support workforce housing serving residents with incomes up to 120% of AMI • Amends NCHFA's Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) formula to make small, rural communities more competitive • Names housing as an economic development tool, making housing eligible for funding/programs that support ED. • Amends SL 2005-88 to name housing as an eligible "tourism-related" expense so that occupancy tax proceeds can be used to support housing. The lack of housing for tourism-industry workers is inhibiting the growth of the tourism sector in the area. • Permits municipalities to adopt inclusionary zoning.
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. Extraterritorial jurisdiction gives us 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 decisions about land use within their

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	jurisdiction as long as they don't conflict with state or federal laws. If no statewide legislation accomplishes this, the City of Brevard requests a local bill. • Maintains local control over planning/zoning decisions where local conditions are better understood and local voices can be considered. Over the past four years Brevard has exercised great regulatory sensitivity when it comes to land use regulation. The city removed outdated zoning restrictions and adopted a future land use map informed by public engagement.
Storm recovery/resilience	Brevard requests support for legislation that: • Provides grants to businesses and individuals to help recovery 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 recovery.
Transportation	Brevard requests support for legislation that: • Permits State funds to be used for standalone bicycle/pedestrian projects • Protects or enhances Powell Bill levels.

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