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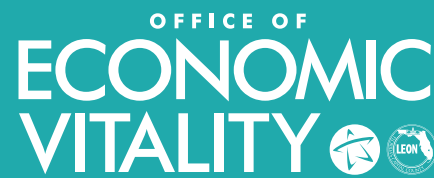
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## Your Community's Vital Resource for Economic Opportunity and Growth



Whether you are looking to start, grow or relocate your company in Florida's Capital Community, the Office of Economic Vitality (OEV) can connect you to talent solutions, site location, financial and business development assistance along with other concierge services.

We are pleased to serve as the connector between local and state economic, workforce and business development partners that work together to ensure Tallahassee-Leon County remains competitive for new businesses and opportunities.

Below you will find just a few ways the Office of Economic Vitality can assist you and your business. To find out more, please visit [www.OEVforBusiness.org](http://www.OEVforBusiness.org) or call (850) 219-1060.

### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- Elevate Your Workforce:** Supports innovative organizations with a focus on talent development in six cornerstone initiatives: Business Formation, Tech Commercialization, Business Retention and Expansion, Business Recruitment, the Creative Economy and Talent Pipeline. Applications open now!
- Urban Jobs:** Locally-based program designed to spur job creation, encourage employment stability and promote economic vitality. Eligible businesses can apply to receive a

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refund based on jobs awarded to workers who have completed a workforce development program (Tempo, Ready4Work, Help Florida, CareerSource, etc.).

- Target Business Program:** Are you making capital investments and creating new jobs? Eligible businesses must diversify the economy, create value-added jobs and generate revenue growth through sales of goods and services outside the local economy. The program reimburses up to 100% of the business' property taxes and development fees as well as a portion of the capital investment of the project.

### DEDICATED MINORITY, WOMEN, SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MWSBE) SUPPORT

OEV is committed to supporting minority, women and small business enterprises by communicating the City of Tallahassee and Leon County procurement and contracting opportunities, enhancing business relationships and increasing partic-

ipation opportunities. To determine your businesses eligibility, contact a dedicated MWSBE staff person on the OEV team.

Also, OEV coordinates monthly MWSBE workshops on the second Monday of every month, and the team also convenes regularly at B2B Connect events that match area prime businesses to MWSBE firms. The next B2B Connect events are:

- Architecture & Engineering,** Tuesday, October 22
- Construction & Construction Trades,** Thursday, November 14

And mark your calendars for the 27th Annual Big Bend Minority Enterprise Development week October 21 – 24. The week will features workshops, networking events and an awards luncheon.

### YOUR SOURCE FOR DATA DISCOVERY

OEV is the region's source for comprehensive economic data. The Data Division reports on Tallahassee-Leon County's economic conditions by maintaining and reporting on the numbers that drive our economy - tracking employment, taxable sales, residential and commercial development and over 80 additional data sets. For a customized report, visit [www.OEVforBusiness.org/Data](http://www.OEVforBusiness.org/Data).

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## LEON COUNTY NEWS & EVENTS

### See Third Eye Blind Perform at Cascades Park

Rock group Third Eye Blind, joined by special guest Smallpools, will perform at the Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park on Friday, November 15. Gates open at 6 p.m., the concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets on sale now at [www.CapitalCityAmphitheater.com](http://www.CapitalCityAmphitheater.com).

### Explore Family Roots with Ancestry Library Edition

Leon County wants to help you find your family's roots with the launch of a new free resource: Ancestry Library Edition. This access brings the world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource, Ancestry.com, to your local County library free of charge. Share your family's story using #LCAncestryLibrary for a chance to be featured on the Library's social media page!

### County Opening Dog Park in Bradfordville

On Oct. 31, Leon County is opening its very first dog park near the Bradfordville Community Center. This dog park will have a large off-leash area that is perfect for spending time in our great outdoors with your pets. Keep up to date by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

### Volunteer for Lake Iamonia Clean Up

After two successful years of litter clean-ups at Lake Jackson, we're now turning our attention to Lake Iamonia. Join the effort on November 2nd. For more details or to sign-up go to: [GrowingGreen.org/CleanUp](http://GrowingGreen.org/CleanUp).

### Learn About Our Local Lakes, Sinks and Streams

Learn about our local waterways and how to make changes to protect local lakes, sinks and streams at Leon County's Clean Water and You School on Friday, Oct. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To learn more and register, please visit [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/CleanWater](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/CleanWater). Space is limited. Lunch will be provided.

### Rural Road Safety Stabilization Program

Leon County's Rural Road Safety Stabilization Program provides one-time, no-cost stabilization improvements to private dirt roads in low-income areas, where residents would otherwise be unable to afford repairs. Learn more at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RuralRoad](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RuralRoad).

### High School Students Eligible for Apprenticeship Program

The Leon Works Junior Apprenticeship Program provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to gain hands on, paid experience in a skilled career within Leon County Government. Applications accepted at [www.LeonWorksJrApprentice.org](http://www.LeonWorksJrApprentice.org).

For more information regarding any of these items, call (850) 606-5300.

### County Helps Found Sustainability Compact

Leon County Government is a founding member of the Capital Area Sustainability Compact, a collaborative initiative bringing together the largest organizations in our community to work on important sustainability topics. Compact members include local healthcare organizations, academic institutions, and local governments. Administered by Sustainable Tallahassee, the Compact provides a platform for members and the community to share resources and take action on waste reduction, energy conservation, and alternative transportation.



To learn more and see a list of other Compact members, visit [www.sustainabletallahassee.org/Compact](http://www.sustainabletallahassee.org/Compact), and to stay engaged, join a Sustainable Tallahassee committee here: [www.sustainabletallahassee.org/Committees](http://www.sustainabletallahassee.org/Committees).

## Board of County Commissioners Schedule

### October 2019

MONDAY 14	9:00 a.m.	<b>Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Retreat / Workshop</b> TBD
TUESDAY 15	1:00 p.m.	<b>Joint County/City Workshop on the Fundamentals of the Comprehensive Plan &amp; the Alternative Mobility Funding System Study</b> County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers - 301 S. Monroe Street
TUESDAY 15	3:00 p.m.	<b>Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting</b> County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers - 301 S. Monroe Street
TUESDAY 15	6:00 p.m.	<b>Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing</b> County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers - 301 S. Monroe Street
TUESDAY 29	12:30 p.m.	<b>Special Meeting of the Board to Conduct Finalist Interviews for County Attorney Position</b> County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers - 301 S. Monroe Street

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