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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting



**Northeast Florida Regional Council**  
Hybrid Meeting



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** MAY 28, 2026

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**RE:** JUNE 4, 2026 PRELIMINARY BOARD AGENDA

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The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **June 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** This will be a hybrid meeting, virtual and in-person, at the Northeast Florida Regional Council, Jessie Ball DuPont Center, 40 East Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

**Zoom Link:** <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>  
**Meeting ID:** 874 9977 0491



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## Northeast Florida Regional Council

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

## A G E N D A

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026  
10:00 a.m.**

**Zoom Link: <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>  
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**(ADDED OR MODIFIED ITEMS IN BOLD)  
(\*Denotes Action Required)**

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11. Upcoming Events:
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  - **June 19, 2026 – JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY, COUNCIL CLOSED**
  - June 24, 2026 – Regional Leadership Academy Networking Event
  - **July 2, 2026 – NEFRC Board/Committee Meetings CANCELLED**
  - **July 3, 2026 – NEFRC CLOSED in Observance of JULY 4TH HOLIDAY**
  - Aug. 6, 2026 – NEFRC Executive Committee Meeting
  - Aug. 12, 2026 – Fernandina Beach 2050 Neighborhood Vision Plan Presentation,  
City of Fernandina Beach
  - Aug. 19, 2026 – Fernandina Beach 2050 Neighborhood Vision Plan Presentation,  
City of Fernandina Beach
  
12. Next Meetings:
  - Executive Committee** – August 6, 2026
  - PB&F Committee** – September 3, 2026
  - Board** – September 3, 2026
  
13. Adjournment

# **BOARD Agenda Item #5A-2**

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**Financial Report  
April 2026**



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**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**FROM:** <sup>DS</sup>  
DONNA STARLING, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**RE:** APRIL 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

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The Northeast Florida Regional Council posted a Net Loss of \$12,889 for the month of April and a Year-to-Date Net Income of \$29,123.

The loss is largely attributed to the Council's contribution to the James Bennett Memorial Scholarship and payment of quarterly Florida Regional Council Association (FRCA) dues.



Regional Council - Agencywide	Adopted Budget 25/26	April 2026	YTD	Represents 58% of Fiscal Year	Budget Variance
<b>Revenues</b>					
County Dues	\$ 694,757	57,896	405,275	58%	0%
Local Government Technical Assistance	\$ 302,632	19,429	181,516	60%	2%
Transportation Disadvantaged (TD)	\$ 212,000	19,274	125,710	59%	1%
Hazardous Analysis	\$ 8,500	1,633	5,555	65%	7%
Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)	\$ 90,000	5,537	39,619	44%	-14%
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Program	\$ 80,000	3,584	31,729	40%	-18%
Small Quantity Generator (SQG) Program	\$ 5,000	2,214	2,214	44%	-14%
Florida Department of Health	\$ 17,000	-	-	0%	0%
Healthcare Coalition	\$ 748,712	200,727	449,515	60%	2%
CDBG North Florida Resiliency Plan	\$ 18,265	-	18,533	101%	43%
CDBG Mitigation Assessment and Planning	\$ 43,075	1,388	25,182	58%	0%
Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR)	\$ 719,099	79,355	270,689	38%	-20%
Pincastle MIRR-East Central Florida RPC	\$ -	3,000	19,305	0%	0%
National Coastal Resilience Program	\$ 150,774	3,719	22,012	15%	-43%
Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)	\$ 100,000	21,909	126,173	126%	68%
National Fish Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Aquatic Connectivity	\$ -	3,027	10,764	0%	0%
Economic Development Administration (EDA)-CEDS	\$ 80,000	6,140	42,290	53%	-5%
Economic Development Administration (EDA)-Visioning	\$ 160,000	(1,176)	63,685	40%	-18%
USDA Shrimp Grant	\$ -	911	911	0%	0%
Community Foundation	\$ 25,000	2,906	2,906	12%	-46%
Black History Museum	\$ -	(30)	2,920	0%	0%
Regional Leadership Academy (RLA)	\$ 5,950	1,200	4,730	79%	21%
Other Revenue	\$ 15,650	3,286	24,282	155%	97%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 3,476,414</b>	<b>\$ 435,928</b>	<b>\$ 1,875,516</b>	<b>54%</b>	
<b>TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 74,701</b>	<b>\$ 12,889</b>	<b>\$ (29,123)</b>		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE/GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 3,551,115</b>	<b>\$ 448,817</b>	<b>\$ 1,846,392</b>	<b>52%</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries and Fringe	\$ 1,783,783	140,806	1,076,899	60%	2%
Contract/Grant Direct Expenses	\$ 1,341,025	263,434	521,812	39%	-19%
Indirect - Allocated Expenses*	\$ 211,280	15,433	120,179	57%	-1%
General Fund Expense*	\$ 215,027	29,144	127,503	59%	1%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 3,551,115</b>	<b>\$ 448,817</b>	<b>\$ 1,846,392</b>	<b>52%</b>	
<b>Net Income (loss)</b>		<b>(12,889)</b>	<b>\$ 29,123</b>		

Northeast Florida Regional Council  
 Balance Sheet  
 April 2026

	<b>FY 24/25</b> <b>April 2025</b>	<b>FY 25/26</b> <b>April 2026</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	2,278,340	2,315,731
Accounts Receivable	748,595	752,489
Pension Deferred Outflows	498,205	410,690
Prepaid Insurance	-	10,877
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>3,525,140</b>	<b>3,489,787</b>
<b>Property and Equipment:</b>		
Office Furniture and Equipment	261,430	254,817
Less Accumulated Depreciation	171,552	189,663
<b>Total Property and Equipment, net</b>	<b>89,878</b>	<b>65,153</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,615,019</b>	<b>3,554,940</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	34,776	31,150
Accrued Salaries and Leave	123,520	129,805
Deferred Revenue	249,839	147,532
Pension Liability	1,417,225	1,195,979
Pension Deferred Inflows	124,127	237,876
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,949,488</b>	<b>1,742,342</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>Equity and Other Credits:</b>		
Retained Earnings	1,665,531	1,812,598
<b>Total Equity and Other Credits</b>	<b>1,665,531</b>	<b>1,812,598</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits</b>	<b>3,615,019</b>	<b>3,554,940</b>





## YTD Comparison

	24/25 Net Income (Loss)	25/26 Net Income (Loss)	24/25 Cash Balance	25/26 Cash Balance
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### AGENCYWIDE

October	\$ 7,921	\$ 4,791	\$ 2,105,273	\$ 2,109,485
November	\$(10,020)	\$ 19,028	\$ 2,091,118	\$ 2,189,020
December	\$ 10,233	\$ 28,937	\$ 2,012,370	\$ 2,229,715
January	\$ 19,381	\$ 46,311	\$ 2,407,132	\$ 2,431,936
February	\$ 21,762	\$ 49,492	\$ 2,277,517	\$ 2,425,514
March	\$ 38,434	\$ 42,012	\$ 2,198,028	\$ 2,305,115
April	\$ 69,564	\$ 29,123	\$ 2,278,340	\$ 2,315,731
May	\$ 87,552		\$ 2,146,440	
June	\$ 110,620		\$ 1,850,194	
July	\$ 134,457		\$ 2,059,197	
August	\$ 139,321		\$ 2,315,611	
September	\$ 167,526		\$ 2,169,810	




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**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER   
**FROM:** <sup>DS</sup> DONNA STARLING, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**RE:** APRIL 2026 INVESTMENT REPORT

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Bank Account Interest	<u>FY 24/25</u>	<u>FY 25/26</u>
April Interest	\$ 1,396	\$ 3,043
Year to Date Interest	\$ 9,701	\$ 21,572
Florida Local Government Investment Trust	<u>FY 24/25</u>	<u>FY 25/26</u>
Current Balance	\$ 19,919	\$20,691



# **BOARD Agenda Item #5B**

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**Resolution 2027-11:  
TD Signatory Authority**



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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** MAY 27, 2026

**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM:** BETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**RE:** RESOLUTION OF SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM

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The NEFRC administers the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for the seven counties in the Region. A requirement of the grant agreement is proof of signatory authority to allow the CEO to execute the grant agreement, sign all agreements and contracts and any other needed documents pertaining to the program. The most current resolution was adopted in 2019, and the Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged is requesting a more current version.

The draft Resolution is attached for your review.



# Resolution

*Northeast Florida Regional Council*

**2026-11**

**Granting**

## **Signatory Authority for Filing of a Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Application**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Northeast Florida Regional Council, hereinafter referred to as the BOARD, has the authority to file a Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Application with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOARD has the authority to file a Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Application and to undertake a Transportation Disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT:**

1. The BOARD has the authority to file a grant application.
2. The BOARD authorizes Elizabeth Payne to file and execute the application on behalf of the Northeast Florida Regional Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.
3. The BOARD authorizes Elizabeth Payne to sign any and all agreements or contracts that is required in connection with the application.
4. The BOARD authorizes Elizabeth Payne to sign any and all assurances, reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications, and any other documents that may be required in connection with the applications or subsequent agreements.
5. The authorizations indicated above remains in effect through the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year.

*Unanimously adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, the fourth day of June, 2026.*

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**Jimmy Anderson**

President

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**Elizabeth Payne**

CEO

# **BOARD Agenda Item #5C**

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**FY 25/26 Proposed  
Amended Budget**



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**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**FROM:** <sup>DS</sup>  
DONNA STARLING, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**RE:** PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FY 25/26

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Staff are currently working on the proposed amended budget for fiscal year 2025/2026. The proposed amended budget will be presented at the June 2026 meeting.



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# **BOARD Agenda Item #5D**

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**FY 26/27  
Proposed Budget**



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**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**FROM:** <sup>DS</sup> DONNA STARLING, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**RE:** PROPOSED BUDGET FY 26/27

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Staff are currently working on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026/2027. The proposed budget will be presented at the June 2026 meeting.



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# **BOARD Agenda Item #5E**

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**Regional Issue:  
Data Center**



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**FROM:** BETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**RE:** REGIONAL ISSUE: DATA CENTERS

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As a follow up to the May 7th NEFRC Board of Directors meeting, there will be further discussion on a regional approach to addressing the data center issue confronting Northeast Florida.

Data Centers and their impacts have been identified as a regional issue – a vote to confirm this will allow the CEO to direct staff and resources to take up this issue. Part of this work includes assisting Nassau County with their recently established Data Center Development Fact-Finding Committee (memo attached) and providing timely and actionable information to the NEFRC Board of Directors.





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Taco E. Pope, AICP, ICMA-CM  
County Manager

Denise May, Esq., BCS  
County Attorney

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Hon. Alyson McCullough, Chair, Nassau County BOCC

**CC:** Hon. Members of the Nassau County BOCC  
Denise May, County Attorney  
Marshall Eyerman, Assistant County Manager  
Robert Companion, Deputy County Manager/County Engineer  
Amy Bell, Operations Manager  
Taylor Clem, Conservation Program Manager  
Kathy Freyman, Economic Resources Manager

**FROM:** Taco E. Pope, AICP, ICMA-CM, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Data Center Development Fact-Finding Committee

**DATE:** May 19, 2026

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On April 13, 2026, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) directed the County Attorney to prepare an ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, review, and approval of applications for data center facilities. The purpose of the moratorium is to provide the Board of County Commissioners and County Staff with sufficient time to research and evaluate the unique operational characteristics, infrastructure demands, environmental considerations, and community impacts associated with data center development.

The first public hearing to consider the proposed moratorium was held on May 11, 2026. The second public hearing is scheduled for June 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

To further support the BOCC's evaluation of data center development and related public policy considerations, a Resolution establishing a Fact-Finding Committee on Data Center Development (Committee) will be presented for consideration at the May 20, 2026 regular BOCC meeting.

If it is the BOCC's direction, the Committee can conduct independent research, receive public testimony, and evaluate policy considerations related to data center development in Nassau County. The aggregate of the Committee's work can be provided to the BOCC in a memorandum or report. The Committee as conceptualized would consist of BOCC staff members with expertise in urban and regional planning, engineering, natural sciences, land development, government finance, and economic development.

Committee members to consider along with named alternates are as follows:

- Taco Pope, AICP, ICMA-CM, County Manager
  - Alternate: Elizabeth Backe, AICP, Planning Director
- Marshall Eyerman, ICMA-CM, Assistant County Manager
  - Alternate: Chris Lacambra, Office of Management and Budget Director
- Robert Companion, P.E., Deputy County Manager/County Engineer
  - Alternate: Caleb Hurst, P.E., Development Services Director
- Taylor Clem, Ph.D., Conservation Manager
  - Alternate: Brandy Carvalho, Director of Strategic Advancement
- Kathy Freyman, Economic Resources Manager
  - Alternate: TBD

If established, the Committee will be supported by:

- Denise May, Esq., BCS, County Attorney
- Amy Bell, Nassau County Operations Manager
- The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC)
- Other staff and partners as requested by the County Manager

If directed, the Committee will conduct independent research and hold a series of publicly noticed meetings or workshops where testimony, stakeholder input, and general public comment will be received. These meetings are intended to serve as structured and transparent forums for public comment regarding data center development and its potential impacts on Nassau County.

As part of its work, the Committee may gather source material and evaluate information presented by subject matter experts, stakeholders, and members of the public regarding topics including, but not limited to:

- Environmental impacts
- Water consumption and supply
- Power consumption and electrical generation
- Community planning and land use
- Transportation and infrastructure impacts
- Economic and fiscal impacts
- Data center operational characteristics
- Legal parameters
- Related and associated issues

At the conclusion of its public meetings and independent research, the Committee will provide a report or memorandum to the BOCC summarizing the information gathered, key findings, and potential policy options for consideration. Upon receipt of the Committee's report, the BOCC may choose to direct additional analysis, hold additional public workshops, initiate the legislative public hearing process related to potential regulations governing data center development, or maintain the status quo that existed prior to the enactment of the temporary moratorium.

A tentative schedule of public meetings, subject to change, is provided below. The meetings of the Committee listed below will be open to the public and noticed in accordance with Section 286.011, Florida Statutes.

## **Tentative Public Meeting Schedule [subject to change]**

- Monday, June 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.  
BOCC Commission Chambers, Yulee
  - Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.  
West Nassau High School Cafetorium, Callahan
  - Monday, June 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.  
BOCC Commission Chambers, Yulee
  - Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.  
West Nassau High School Cafetorium, Callahan
  - Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.  
BOCC Commission Chambers, Yulee
  - Monday, June 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.  
BOCC Commission Chambers, Yulee
  - Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.  
BOCC Commission Chambers, Yulee
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## **Nassau County, Florida Fact-Finding Committee on Data Center Development**

### ***Purpose and Intent***

The purpose of the Committee is to conduct independent research and facilitate public comment regarding data center development within Nassau County. Through research and a series of publicly noticed meetings, the Committee will receive testimony, public comment, and technical information from subject matter experts and stakeholders. The intent of the Committee is to evaluate issues related to environmental impacts, water consumption, electrical demand and generation, land use compatibility, infrastructure capacity, economic and fiscal impacts, legal parameters of Florida State Law, and other issues associated with data center development.

### ***General Premise***

The demand for digital infrastructure and data storage capacity continues to increase exponentially as technology advances and reliance on digital services expands. As a result, data centers of varying scales are being developed throughout the United States, including within the State of Florida.

Although numerous data centers exist across the State and within the Northeast Florida Region, recent public interest in data center development has prompted legislative action at both the State and local levels. In response, Nassau County has established a temporary moratorium, not to exceed twelve (12) months, to allow for comprehensive evaluation of the potential impacts associated with such development.

During the moratorium period, the County intends to evaluate and develop reasonable public policy options related to data center development that balance demand for digital infrastructure and economic opportunity with the protection of residents, natural resources, infrastructure systems, and overall community character.

While Florida Senate Bill 484 (Ch. 2026-65) reaffirms the authority of local governments to establish reasonable regulations intended to mitigate adverse impacts associated with data center development, the legislation **does not permit local governments to prohibit data centers outright**. Accordingly, it is essential that any proposed regulations or policy measures be carefully developed to ensure they are reasonable, legally defensible, and capable of withstanding judicial scrutiny.

### ***Process***

The Committee's work is anticipated to generally follow the process outlined below:

Gather Data and Conduct Research → Define Issues → Identify Assets, Challenges, and Opportunities → Establish Goals and Objectives Related to Data Center Development → Identify Potential Policy Options → Provide Committee Report to the BOCC → Sunset Committee

### ***Expected Outcome***

The expected outcome of the Committee process is the preparation of a memorandum or report consolidating testimony, public comment, technical research, and policy considerations related to data center development for presentation to the BOCC.

### ***Following BOCC Actions***

Following submission of the Committee's report and the sunset of the Committee, the BOCC may consider a variety of actions, including but not limited to:

- Directing additional research or data collection.
- Conducting additional public workshops.
- Directing staff to prepare proposed legislation.
- Initiating the public hearing process for potential land development regulations or policy amendments related to data center development.
- Or other options legally available to the BOCC.

# **BOARD Agenda Item #6-A**

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**Presentation:  
Cecil Airport/Space Port**



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**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER *EP*

**FROM:** TYLER E. NOLEN, SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR *TN*

**RE:** **PRESENTATION FROM CECIL AIRPORT & SPACEPORT DIRECTOR**

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Mr. Matt Bocchino, Director of the Cecil Airport & Spaceport, will provide a presentation to the NEFRC Board of Directors regarding the designation of Cecil Airport as Cecil Spaceport, the first licensed horizontal launch commercial spaceport on the East Coast. The presentation will also highlight the economic development opportunities and emerging business prospects now available to the Northeast Florida region as a result of this designation.



# **BOARD Agenda Item #6-B**

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**Program Spotlight:  
USDA Local Food Promotion Program**



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**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

**FROM:** JENNI BRYLA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER 

**RE:** SHRIMP MARKETING GRANT

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In 2024, NEFRC was awarded a FloridaCommerce grant to conduct the Shrimping Industry Market Analysis. As a follow-up to that project, the Council applied for a grant from the USDA Local Food Promotion Program to help the industry develop a marketing plan.

The Council is partnering with the City of Jacksonville Economic Development Department, Jacksonville University, Visit Jax, Visit Amelia, Mayport Waterfront Partnership and of course the Shrimpers themselves to create a unique brand for Mayport Shrimp. This 2-year, \$100,000 grant will help the Council and its partners conduct background research, meet with stakeholders, develop a marketing plan, design and purchase materials and implement the plan.





**USDA Local Food Promotion**

**Program**

**NE Florida Shrimp Marketing Plan**

**\$100,000 Award**

**2 Year Project**

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## Northeast Florida Shrimping Industry Market Study

- In 2024, NEFRC was awarded CPTA grant from Florida Commerce to conduct Shrimping Industry Market Study for Duval, Flagler, Nassau, & St. Johns Counties
- Project Goals:
  - Provide recommendations to support the expansion of small shrimping businesses
  - Encourage the use of market-friendly & sustainable shrimping practices
  - Cultivate a sense of community character in historic shrimping districts
  - Strengthen the regional food economy

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# Northeast Florida Shrimping Industry Market Study

- After this project was complete, NEFRC applied to USDA for a Local Food Promotion Program grant to help shrimping industry establish a marketing plan to improve sales and pricing
- NEFRC was recently notified that it has been awarded a \$100,000 grant for a two-year project

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# USDA Local Food Promotion Program Project Partners



Davis College of  
Business & Technology



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# Project Schedule

- Phase I (July 2026) – Background Research
- Phase II (February 2027) – Community Meetings and Develop Marketing Plan
- Phase III (August 2027) – Design & Procure Marketing Material
- Phase IV (January 2028) – Implement Marketing Plan

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# Questions?

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# **BOARD Agenda Item #6-C**

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## **Healthcare Coalition Update**



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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** MAY 27, 2026  
**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**THRU:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER *EP*  
**FROM:** LEIGH WILSEY, HEALTHCARE COALITION PROGRAM MANAGER *LW*  
**RE:** HEALTHCARE COALITION PROGRAM UPDATE

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The Florida Department of Health receives federal funding through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) within the United States Department of Health and Human Services to develop and manage Healthcare Coalitions across the State. The NEFRC is one of ten (10) entities contracted by the Florida Department of Health to manage these Coalitions.

The Healthcare Coalition program staff will provide a brief update on the recent activities and accomplishments and future activities planned for the program.



# **BOARD Agenda Item #6-D**

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## **Community Resiliency Update**



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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** MAY 28, 2025  
**TO:** NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**VIA:** ELIZABETH PAYNE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER *EP*  
**FROM:** ANDREW PROKOPIAK, SR. REGIONAL RESILIENCY PLANNER *ARP*  
**RE:** COMMUNITY RESILIENCE UPDATE

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Staff will provide an update on community resilience efforts being facilitated across Northeast Florida, including the Resilient First Coast Collaborative, its Steering Committee, and its Implementation Partners. This update will include the following:

- Review of the recent Resilient First Coast Steering Committee meeting outcomes.
- Nearing completion on the FY 2025-2026 Regional Resilience Entity Grant from the Florida Department of Protection's Resilient Florida Program, with a focus on the Regional Vulnerability Assessment Analysis and technical assistance due June 30, 2026.
- Highlight of the recent completion of the final report for the Multi-Regional Mitigation Assessment and Planning project funded by Florida Commerce.
- Progress on the Northeast Florida Military Installation Readiness Review, including an update on the Technical Advisory Committee meeting.
- Update on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funded project to assess infrastructure vulnerability and aquatic connectivity for resilience of the First Coast.
- Status of vulnerability assessments that NEFRC is conducting in partnership with local governments.

