

**Amendment: Lobbying and Transparency Program**

Commissioners Brim-Edwards and Singleton propose an amendment to provide start-up funding for the recently established Lobbying and Transparency Program.

On May 1, the Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance that establishes a new lobbyist reporting requirement, transparency measures, and a rule requiring the Chair and Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to post their calendars online. The ordinance takes effect on July 1, 2026 and the supporting technology solutions will be developed during Fiscal Year 2026 by the Department of County Assets (DCA) and the Chief Operating Officer (COO) Office.

On May 13, COO Chris Neal provided an update to the BOCC on the status of implementation, and identified the need to carry over to FY 2026 the \$200,000 in capital funding the BOCC allocated for this project, as well as an additional \$200,000 in one-time-only (OTO) General Fund (GF) resources to provide additional capital funding as well as funding for a limited duration (LD) project manager role to support the non-technical aspects of implementation, such as the development of education, training and outreach materials.

Offset by \$200,000 from Information Technology Beginning Working Capital and other unidentified County administrative savings.