

Volusia ECHO

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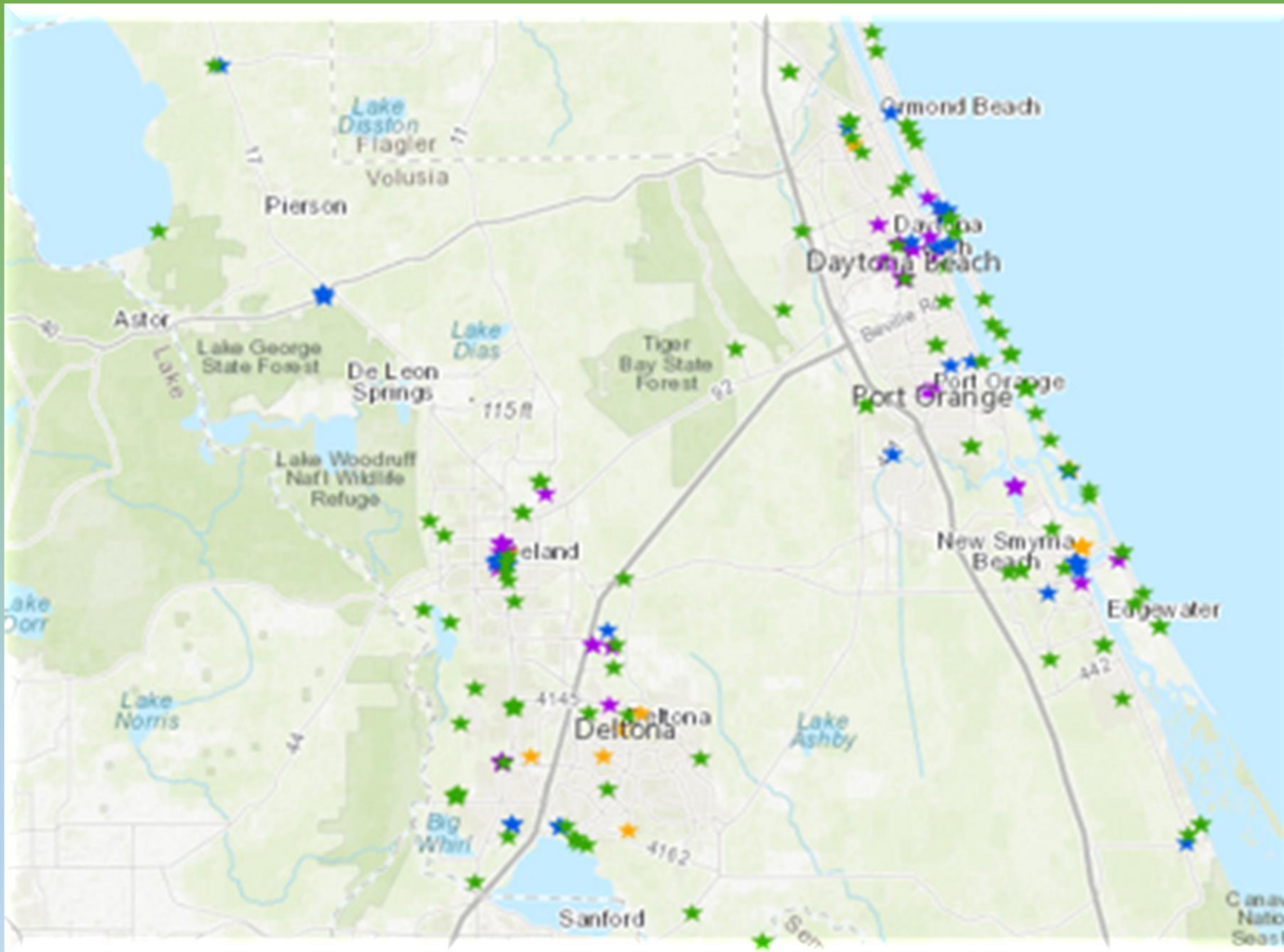
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Outdoor recreation

Volusia ECHO 2001-2021



ECHO Grants-in-Aid provide grant funds to finance acquisition, restoration, construction, or improvement of facilities to be used for Environmental, Cultural, Historical or Outdoor recreation purposes that must be open for public use.



Currently there are
241 Projects
throughout Volusia
County

ECHO seeks to enhance the quality of life of Volusia County's residents by working to achieve the following goals over a broad geographic base

- Provide environmental/ecological, cultural, historical/heritage, and outdoor recreational facilities.
- Improve the quality of life for Volusia's citizens by providing access to the cultural arts, increase cultural based tourism, and encourage redevelopment and revitalization of downtown and urban areas through the provision of cultural arts facilities
- Preserve significant archaeological or historic resources; and develop, enhance, and promote heritage tourism opportunities, experiences, and resources.

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- Provide high quality, user oriented outdoor recreational opportunities including, but not limited to, access to the Atlantic Ocean through the establishment of oceanfront parks and off-beach parking.
- Foster public memory and community identity by promoting and providing access to destinations and experiences associated with past events, peoples, and places within the County of Volusia.

There are three steps in the ECHO process

First, the applicant organization must be eligible to apply and the subsequent application must demonstrate eligibility.



Once this first challenge is met, County staff will submit the application to the County ECHO Advisory Committee for review, scoring, and funding recommendation.

Second, the application must achieve a minimum score of eighty from the ECHO Advisory Committee acting as the Grant Review Panel in order to be recommended for funding.



Third, the project must be approved for a grant by official action of the County Council.

Applicants must attend a mandatory workshop prior to submitting a grant application.



Grant Applications are only accepted at specific times during the year.

APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Volusia County Government
OR
- Municipal Government within Volusia County
OR
- Not-For-Profit Corporation that meet criteria



EXCEPTIONAL PROJECT means a project of paramount and crucial County-wide importance which provides services to (significant) large numbers of people in all areas of the County as demonstrated and determined by a three-fourths majority of the ECHO Committee and a majority of the County Council



GRANT FUNDING AMOUNTS AND MATCH

Exceptional project applicants may request up to \$600,000.00 annually for up to three consecutive years.

The applicant must provide a four to one match.

Fifty percent¹ of the match must be Cash Match and up to half $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Cash Match may come from previously spent cash, in kind or land match.



EXCEPTIONAL PROJECT

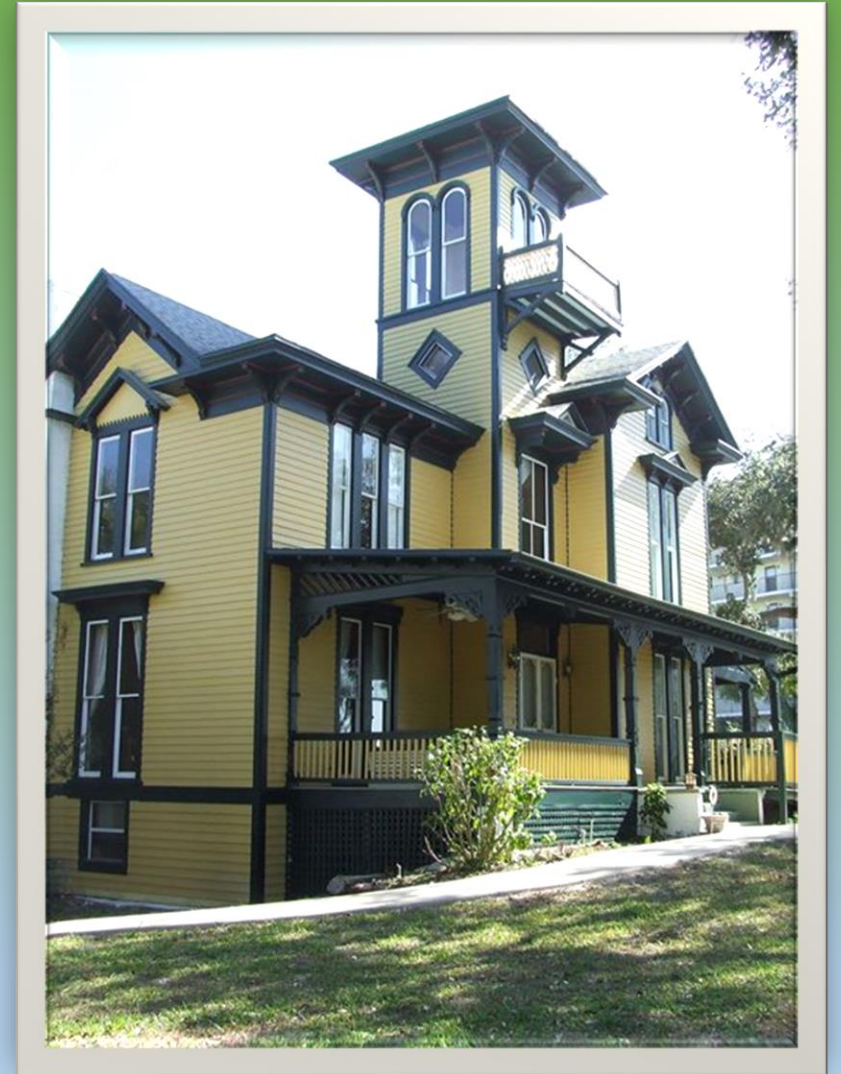
No project or facility complex may receive more than one Exceptional grant award through the life of the ECHO program.



The ECHO Grants-in-Aid Critical Historic Acquisition and/or Stabilization application

Used solely to finance the acquisition and/or stabilization of historically designated sites determined to be endangered by immediate development, elimination of public access and/or structural conditions that are recently and unexpectedly revealed, including projects being neglected in order to access demolition permits.

Applications are accepted year round.



ECHO Grants-in-Aid Critical Historic Acquisition

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There are three steps in the process:

First, the applicant organization must be eligible to apply and the subsequent application must be eligible.

Second, the ECHO Advisory Committee will review the application and make a recommendation to the County Council.

Finally, the project must be approved by an official action of the County Council.

(If the funding is approved an ECHO Agreement will be signed and funds will be made available as directed in the Agreement and this application guide.)

Critical Historic Acquisition and/or Stabilization Grant



The maximum grant amount request is \$600,000.00. Required match is 1:1.



MASTER TRAILS

A million dollars a year set aside from the annual ECHO program helped to fund and build the *Showcase Multi-use Trail System*.

Currently, with close to 70 miles on the ground the trails system connects Edgewater to DeLeon Springs!

Proposed Changes to the ECHO Guidebook as recommended by the ECHO Advisory Committee

- ❖ Increase standard grant award from 400K to 600K.
- ❖ Increase exceptional grant award from \$1.8 million to \$2 million over a three year period.
- ❖ Change the match requirement for exceptional grant awards from 4:1 to 1:1.
- ❖ Reduce the percentage of cash match required for non-profit organizations.
- ❖ An applicant may only have three open projects at one time.

Meet your Volusia ECHO Committee Members

- ❖ Gerard Pendergast, Chair
- ❖ Patricia Northey, Vice Chair
- ❖ Reggie Santilli
- ❖ Saralee Morrissey
- ❖ Pat Patterson
- ❖ Jeffrey Ault
- ❖ Jack Surette
- ❖ Stacey Simmons
- ❖ David Romeo



LISTENING SESSIONS

- **6 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, 1001 S. Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach**
- **6 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Ormond Beach Regional Library, 30 S. Beach St., Ormond Beach**
- **6 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at the Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona**
- **6 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Daytona Beach Regional Library, 105 E. Magnolia Ave., Daytona Beach**
- **6 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in the second-floor county council chambers of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand**



QUESTIONS?





THANK YOU!

ECHO VOLUSIA FOREVER

*Protect our **quality** of life*