

**WORKSHOP ITEM SUMMARY SHEET**  
**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 15, 2026**

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**Agenda Item:**

2026 State of Florida - Legislative Update

**Description:**

About five (5) years ago, the Village changed our State Lobbyists to improve our success in obtaining State funding of our local projects. The Village engaged JEJ & Associates and Ron Brown & Associates who work as a team to advocate on behalf of the Village.

With us at the Village Council Workshop on “TEAMS” will be:

- From Ron Book & Associates:
  - Ron Book
  - Rana Brown
- From JEJ & Associates:
  - Lena Juarez
  - Robert Miller

The primary purpose of the Workshop will be a review of the Legislative Session and any new legislation that may affect Estero. Of particular concern is the possibility of losing property tax or other revenue necessary to fund local services.

In addition, we would discuss our current appropriation and our previous success and how these funds will be used in the community.

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact associated with this Workshop item. All State allocations are subject to formal agreements that outline the scope of the work to be funded. If we are successful in receiving any State appropriation each agreement will come to the Village Council at a later date for approval.

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**Attachment:** none

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