



History of ECHO

- On November 7, 2000, the voters of Volusia County passed the ECHO referendum.
- Property tax not to exceed 20 cents per thousand of assessed value for 20 years.
- Fund environmental, cultural, historic and outdoor recreation projects to enhance quality of life.
- Two expenditure options
 - Grant application program
 - Direct expenditure by council



ECHO Advisory Committee Members

- Greg LeFils – Chair
- Damien Richards - Vice Chair
- Michael L. Donnelly Jr.
- Hillary Reilly
- Gerard Pendergast
- Regina Bateman-Santilli
- Stony Sixma
- Catherine Storch
- Emily Hanna



ECHO

- Fund environmental projects
- Spur economic development
- Positively impact redevelopment
- Preserve archaeological and historic sites
- Provide access to historic sites
- Enhance quality of life
- Develop heritage/cultural facilities
- Develop, enhance and promote heritage opportunities
- Enhance outdoor recreational activities

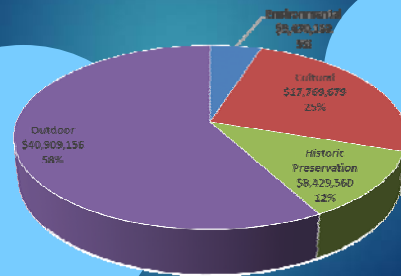


ECHO

- ▶ From 2001 – 2015
- ▶ \$70,578,557.84
- ▶ 179 grants awarded
- ▶ Sunsets 2021
- ▶ Estimated forecast funding \$35 million



ECHO Program Expenditures



ECHO Eligibility

- ▶ 501c3 for two years
- ▶ City or County Government
- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Feasibility of the community need and sustainability
- ▶ Project exemplifies the ECHO Initiative



ECHO Process

- ▶ Mandatory workshop
- ▶ Technical review
- ▶ Submit grant
- ▶ Eligibility review
- ▶ Grant review
- ▶ County Council approve ECHO Advisory Committee recommendation



Any questions?

