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## **County's Tourist Development Tax revenue to fund four projects on Fort Myers Beach**

**Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL** – The Lee Board of County Commissioners voted on Tuesday of last week to fund four projects on Fort Myers Beach totaling \$1,534,924.

The funds will be from Tourist Development Tax revenue and are in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Lee County budget. They are to be used for maintenance of beach park facilities, public accesses, boardwalks, restrooms, and equipment. The Town will have agreements with Lee County that authorize the work and allow for reimbursement.

The four Town projects are:

- Beach and shoreline maintenance - \$1,196,600
- Replacement of restroom trailer at Palm Avenue Beach Access - \$10,100
- Public beach access boardwalk replacements - \$323,761
- Newton Beach Park shade structure - \$4,463

Funds for beach and shoreline maintenance are typically awarded to the Town each year.

Funds allocated this year for the public beach access boardwalk replacements are for eight beach accesses that were destroyed by Hurricane Ian in September 2022. These accesses are 14, 15, 17, 24, 25, 26, 27 and Newton Beach Park. Specifically, funds are for permitting and construction of three boardwalks - 24 (Pompano Street); 26 (Chapel Street); and 27 (Mango Street.)

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The Town of Fort Myers Beach is on Estero Island off the southwest Florida coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The beach stretches for seven miles and is known for white sand, shell finds, and sunsets. The Town took a direct hit in September 2022 from Hurricane Ian, a category five storm, and is in active recovery. Many shops and restaurants are restored and open for business! The Town has been incorporated since 1995.

The Commissioners also awarded Tourist Development tax funds to other government and community agencies in Lee County. See the full list and read Lee County’s press release [here](#).

The Town’s Mayor Dan Allers represents the FMB Town Council on Lee County’s Tourist Development Council (TDC), which reviews requests for funds and makes recommendations to the Commissioners on how to allocate them. Learn about the TDC [here](#).

“We are grateful to the Lee County Commissioners and the Tourist Development Council for recommending and approving each of our requests for these funds,” said Mayor Dan Allers. “They are critical in our ongoing work to restore and rebuild Fort Myers Beach, as is our partnership in general with Lee County and its various programs.”

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