

# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development operations funded for Fiscal Year 2002/2003 represent a broad range of services provided by Leon County designed to develop and improve the economic condition of the community and its citizens. This includes services provided by the Tourist Development Council, Economic Development Council, Veteran Services division of the Public Services Department, and the Housing and Human Services division of the Community Development Department. Leon County is also the primary contributor to the Community Redevelopment Area (Frenchtown / Southside).

## FUNDING

In Fiscal Year 2002/2003 a total of \$3,211,564 was allocated by the Board of County Commissioners in support of economic development operations. This allocation represents almost 2% of the total Fiscal Year 2002/2003 budget.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Key highlights of the Fiscal Year 2002/2003 operating budget, with respect to economic development services include:

- ◆ Continued commitment to County's participation and administration of the State Housing Initiatives program.
- ◆ Continued support for the administration of the Housing Finance Authority.
- ◆ Continued support of the County's "Summer Youth Employment" program.
- ◆ Increased funding in support of the Economic Development Council/Chamber of Commerce.
- ◆ Planned future appropriation in support of the "Targeted Business Pilot Project."
- ◆ Continued support of the Veteran Services division of the Public Services Department.



A Leon County visitor receives assistance at the Leon County Visitors Center.

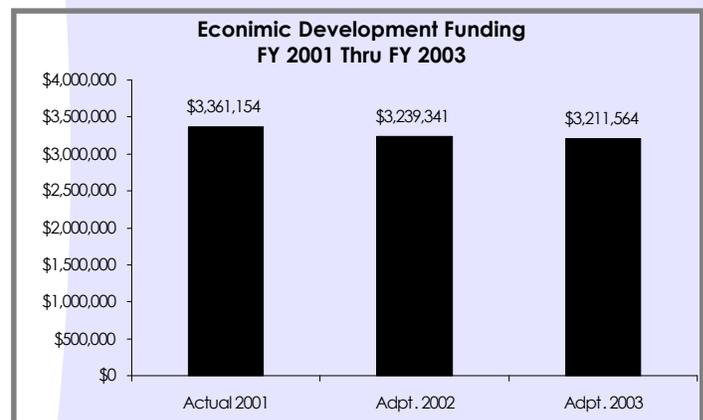


Figure 8: Economic Development funding for the past three fiscal years.

## COUNTY FACT

From FY 1999 thru FY 2001 Leon County has hosted more than 2.1 million visitors per year.