



## Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association

### 2017 Legislative Funding Highlights

#### \$50 Million Appropriated for Beach and Inlet Projects

FSBPA appreciates the outstanding efforts by the Senate Appropriations Chair and Coastal Management Bill Sponsor, other Senate leadership, House counterparts and numerous legislative beach champions that helped to secure **\$50M** in the FY2017/18 General Appropriations Act for the traditional statewide beach program. This level of funding has been our #1 legislative priority for a number of years and will have a lasting effect on preserving our beaches for years to come. FSBPA is further grateful for the support and resolve of our members and the coalition of coastal interests for supporting the 2017 Legislative initiative.

Noteworthy highlights about the \$50M beach management appropriation include:

- **Recurring Funding - \$30M** recurring in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund
- **Recognition of Inlets** - nearly **\$16M** for top 3 inlet projects
  - (Port Everglades IMP, East Pass Study, Ft. Piece IMP)
- **Beach Projects** – Over **\$32M** appropriated for beach projects will fund a dozen or more beach restoration and nourishment projects
- **Post-Construction Monitoring** – All post-construction monitoring requests for both beach and inlet projects were cost-shared equally
- **Integrity of the List** – The Legislature fully funded projects and did not list them as member projects, but rather funded them in priority order in the amounts requested

An additional **\$13.3M** was made available separate and apart from traditional program funding for storm damage recovery, specifically for dune repair in those counties hardest hit by Hurricane Matthew.

Beach-related appropriations total almost **\$80M** this year, including funds for the traditional statewide program, supplemental funding for storm damage recovery and almost \$16 M in emergency funding made available by Governor Scott prior to the 2017 Session.