

Hendry County Economic Development Council
Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2012/2013
Submitted to Hendry County for the Office of Economic and Demographic Research

The Hendry County Economic Development Council continued to make progress in 2012/2013 fiscal year.

- Total amount of funds Hendry County EDC received from Hendry County - \$75K
- Total amount of funds Hendry County EDC received from private investors - \$110K
- Total amount of funds Hendry County EDC received from other entities - \$30K
- Hendry County EDC administrative costs/total budget - \$215K



A total of 40 Projects/Businesses were assisted by the Hendry County Economic Development Council in fiscal year 2012/2013.

- Customized Assistance
 - Site selection - 35
 - Permitting and licensing - 19
 - Job training - 9
 - Incentives education and referral - 30
 - Technical assistance - 35

 - General Assistance
 - Demographics and market research - 25
 - Workforce assistance - 5
 - Strategic planning assistance - 6
 - Forums and workshops - 2

 - Financial Assistance
 - Loan programs - the amount of loans granted and number of businesses assisted - Loans granted - 0, businesses assisted - 5
 - Grants and matching funds assisted - State Training Grant - \$30K - No local match
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- Capital Investment of businesses assisted by Hendry County EDC - \$27.5M
 - Foreign Investment of businesses assisted by Hendry County EDC - 0
 - Number of new direct jobs as a result of businesses being moved into the area or expanding due to the assistance of the Hendry County EDC - 205
 - Number of jobs retained and the length of job retention - 88 jobs/multiple years
 - Type and the amount of incentives that the Hendry County EDC has successfully assisted businesses in receiving:
 - State training grant - \$30K
 - Local workforce training - \$10K
 - Infrastructure Grant - \$400K
 - QTI - \$350K
 - Tax Abatement



The Hendry County Economic Development Council continues worked on and continues to assist with several open projects and prospects from the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

- Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
 - Work collaboratively for Regional Economic Development
- Enterprise Florida
 - The EDC office will continue manage the Enterprise Zone functions for Hendry County President Gregg Gillman and Jennifer Price are now the contacts for Hendry County
- Marketing
 - New website is up and running with work still to be done but new fresh look is up
- FHREDI
 - President Gillman is a Board Member of FHREDI
- Education Improvement Task Force formed under EDC
 - The EDC operates this initiative to improve student achievement and enhance workforce skills
 - Working on collaboration between business community and education.
 - Captain Hendry Dinner fundraiser for Education to improve quality of life
- Leadership Hendry & Glades Counties
 - The EDC operates this initiative to create community ambassadors
 - The Adult Class has 25 participants this year and tuition was raised to \$700
 - Youth Leadership has 20 participants from 4 area High Schools, students are Sophomores and Juniors

