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Levy County Quarterly Department Report

Department Information

Name of Department	Grants
Name of Department Head	Kari Bastow

Department Deliverables

Deliverable <i>(To be determined by the Department Head)</i>	Second Quarter FY <i>(January-March 2026)</i>	Third Quarter FY <i>(April-June 2026)</i>	Fourth Quarter FY <i>(July-September 2026)</i>
Centralize Oversight and Advancement of Grant-Funded Projects	Stabilized and Advanced Over \$8.5 Million in Grant-Funded Projects		
Implementation and Administration of Housing Assistance Programs (SHIP & CDBG)	Strengthened Housing Program Oversight and Prepared for Program Launch		
Development and Execution of a Strategic Grant Funding Pipeline	Submitted Targeted Grant Applications to Support Infrastructure and Environmental Priorities		
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Department Highlights:

Second Quarter Accomplishments

1. Stabilized and Advanced Over \$8.5 Million in Grant-Funded Projects

Conducted a comprehensive review of the County's active grant portfolio and implemented a

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- Johnny Hiers, District 5





structured approach to assess project status, compliance requirements, and feasibility. Coordinated with state and local partners to refine scopes, address environmental and permitting constraints, and advance key projects including CDBG-DR, RESTORE Act, Public Safety, and infrastructure initiatives. These efforts reduced risk, improved alignment with funding requirements, and positioned multiple projects for successful implementation.

2. Strengthened Housing Program Oversight and Prepared for Program Launch

Resolved or in the process of resolving 13 inactive or incomplete SHIP client files through direct applicant engagement and compliance follow-up, advancing projects toward completion and closeout. Coordinated an AHAC meeting, developed proposed LHAP updates, completed the SHIP audit response, and improved file tracking systems. These actions enhanced program accountability and positioned the County for upcoming funding cycles and program rollout.

3. Submitted Targeted Grant Applications to Support Infrastructure and Environmental Priorities

Collaborated with County leadership to identify and prioritize high-impact infrastructure projects and developed a strategic funding pipeline. Prepared and submitted over \$550,000 in competitive grant applications, including proposals for hazardous waste facility improvements and boat ramp design projects. These efforts support long-term capital planning and position the County for future funding opportunities.