



## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY Debt Policies

- ▶ Long-term debt will not be used to fund operating activities.
- ▶ The County may issue bond anticipation notes.
- ▶ When appropriate, the County will publish and distribute an official statement for a publicly issued bond and rate issue.
- ▶ General obligation debt will not be used for enterprise activities. All such debt will be supported by revenue from operations.
- ▶ The County will not issue long-term debt with maturity longer than the useful life of the project or item funded.
- ▶ The County will use voted general obligation debt to fund general purpose public improvements.
- ▶ If Indian River County utilizes long-term debt financing, staff will ensure that the debt is soundly financed by following several guidelines. First, the cost/benefit ratio of the improvement must be positive. Revenue sources that will be used to pay the debt will be conservatively projected. Also, no improvement shall be financed over a time period greater than the useful life of said improvement.
- ▶ Every effort will be made to limit the amount of general obligation debt. All general obligation debt will be used only for public purposes.
- ▶ When appropriate, the County will use special assessment, revenue, or other self-supporting debt in lieu of general obligation debt.
- ▶ Indian River County will strive to maintain sound credit ratings when applicable.