

Federal Lobbying

The Becker Federal Lobbying team includes Washington, D.C. insiders and Capitol Hill veterans. The team is highly regarded by Members of Congress, as well as executive and committee staff members as effective advocates for their clients' interests. The federal lobbying team is politically diverse, which enables the members to work successfully on both sides of the aisle. Because of their collective years of experience on Capitol Hill, they are skilled in identifying federal funding, programs, and services of critical interest to clients. The team has pursued effective federal relations agendas to their successful conclusion, bringing in federal monies for projects of significant regional and national importance. These successes are the result of the close professional working relationships they have developed with key elected officials, congressional leaders, and members on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Furthermore, years of congressional experience have resulted in long-standing professional relationships with staff members of many committees in the House and the Senate, which they are able to use to the benefit of their clients.

The Becker Federal Lobbying team has extensive experience in issues relating to federal appropriations, healthcare, higher education, homeland security, defense, taxation, alternative energy, local government issues, and international trade.

Services Provided

- Proactively identify specific federal programs that have your priorities as an allowable use and increase the volume of federal funding available to those programs
- Create relationships with key Hill staff and members to advance funding and policy initiatives and serve as a technical resource on legislation
- Secure partnerships with DC-based advocacy and membership organizations, Congressional Caucuses and corporate partners to advance your priorities
- Prepare effective briefing materials, designed to thoroughly make your case while remaining concise
- Arrange meetings with Members of Congress and their staff from relevant appropriations and authorizing committees, and key federal agency officials to advocate for your goals and objectives and prepare talking points and briefing materials for same
- Actively engage political support for pending funding applications and federal requests for proposals
- Identify opportunities to provide testimony before Congressional committees
- Prepare responses to federal register notices related to new and amended proposed regulations
- Provide regular status reports and updates on priorities and to highlight new opportunities

Notable Client Accomplishments

Public

- **For Collier County**, secured a \$13 million U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Grant for transportation infrastructure
- **For the City of Cape Coral**, secured a \$98,000 USDODJ Coverdell Grant Award for Forensic Science Improvement for the Cape Coral Police Department's Forensic Unit in FY18
- **For the Town of Davie**, secured \$2.4 million under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) SAFER grant program for fire service staffing
- **For Florida International University**, secured a \$4.7 million Air Force grant for FIU's Reconfigurable Antenna research program, also known as Origami
- **For North Bay Village**, secured \$475,000 for a Bus Facility Project within the new Municipal Public Safety Complex
- **For the Town of Miami Lakes**, secured \$570,000 in the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (HUD) bill for vehicle procurement of two hybrid electric vehicles to provide trolley bus service
- **For the City of Opa-Locka**, enabled over \$1 million in sequestered grant funds to be released during government shut down for a capital project, and negotiated funds from the State Revolving Fund totaling just under \$1 million for a related project, for a total of about \$2.1 million secured
- **For the City of Miami Gardens**, secured \$1.25 million through the U.S. Department of Justice for a Community Police Hiring Program grant to hire 10 new police officers
- **For the Miccosukee Tribe**, secured \$760,000 for improvements to address significant road safety concerns; also helped the Tribe to draw down \$1,750,000 in federal funding for Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) safety improvements

Private

- **For the International Yacht Brokers Association** (a client since 2014), Becker's Federal lobbying team secured

language in the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019 to require the U.S. Coast Guard to develop a code for U.S.-documented yachts of 300 gross tons or more

- **On behalf of Eastern Shipbuilding Group**, \$500 million was included in the FY-18 Omnibus bill of the Homeland Security Appropriations for the Coast Guard's Offshore Patrol Cutter program, an increase of \$400 million over FY-17 funding
- **On behalf of Hitachi Data Systems**, \$500,000 awarded to the New Jersey Department of Public Safety by the USDOJ under the 2018 COPS School Violence Prevention Program
- **For dozens of cities throughout the United States**, assisted in accessing over \$10 million in federal funding to implement ShotSpotter gunshot location and alert systems in their communities
- **For Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)**, secured \$130 million in appropriations, an increase of \$30 million over the President's proposed budget
- **For Florida Memorial University, Bethune-Cookman University, and Edward Waters College**, secured \$12 million in capital funding after negotiations with program officials within the U.S. Department of Education and Congressional committee staff

Notable Client Representations

Public

- **City of Cape Coral, Florida**
- **City of Hialeah, Florida**
- **City of Miami Gardens, Florida**
- **City of North Miami, Florida**
- **City of Opa-Locka**
- **City of West Park, Florida**
- **Charlotte County, Florida**
- **Collier County, Florida**
- **Florida International University**
- **Miccosukee Tribe**
- **Palm Beach County, Florida**
- **Sarasota County, Florida**
- **Town of Davie, Florida**
- **Walton County, Florida**

Private

- **A&J Capital**
- **Algenol Biotech**
- **Bethune-Cookman University**
- **Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence**
- **Custodia Financial**
- **Eastern Shipbuilding Group**
- **Edward Waters College**
- **Florida Crystals Corporation**
- **Florida Memorial University**
- **Gold Coast Florida Regional Center**
- **GunBail, Inc.**
- **Hitachi Data Systems**
- **IDEMIA**
- **International Yacht Brokers Association**
- **Intuit**
- **The Latino Coalition**
- **Lexipol, LLC**
- **LRAD Corporation**
- **Motion Picture Association of America**
- **The National Association of Broadcasters**
- **The Portable Factory**
- **Shotspotter (SST, Inc.)**
- **Small Business Development Centers**
- **Univision Communications, Inc.**
- **Uphold, Inc.**
- **U.S. Security Associates, Inc.**
- **Ygrene Energy Fund**