



2021-2022 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Proposal Instructions: Please read this document carefully and provide the information requested below. Some questions may request that a separate narrative be completed. If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.

Governmental Entity Information

Name of Governmental Entity: City of North Port
Government Federal Employer Identification Number: [REDACTED]

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Public Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

Pursuant to section 288.101, F.S., the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund was created to promote economic opportunity by improving public infrastructure and enhancing workforce training. Eligible entities that wish to access this grant fund must submit public infrastructure proposals that:

- Promote economic recovery in specific regions of the state, economic diversification or economic enhancement in a targeted industry. ([View Florida's Targeted Industries here.](#))
- Are not for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity.
- Are for infrastructure that is owned by the public and is for public use or predominately benefits the Public.

1. Program Requirements:

(If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.)

Each proposal must include the following information describing how the project satisfies eligibility requirements listed on page 1.

A. Provide a detailed description of the public infrastructure improvements.

Installation of city water and sewer service to 507 acres at the Panacea Activity Center which will encourage and foster flex space employment opportunities. If this grant is awarded, 3,950 linear feet of water main and 6,950 lineal feet of wastewater force main will be installed.

B. Provide location of public infrastructure, including physical address and county of project.

Wastewater improvements will be located on Toledo Blade Boulevard starting near 2787 Sycamore Street. Water improvements will begin at the intersection of Toledo Blade and Plantation Boulevard. Both mains will end at 5001 North Toledo Blade Boulevard in North Port, Florida, 34286, in Sarasota County.

C. Is this infrastructure currently owned by the public? Yes No

If no, is there a current option to purchase or right of way provided to the County?

D. Provide current property owner.

City of North Port owns most of the right of way. The Florida Department of Transportation owns the right of way on I-75.

E. Is this infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public? Yes No**F. Will the public infrastructure improvements be for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation, or business entity?**

Yes No

G. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating, how the proposed public infrastructure project will promote:

- Economic recovery in specific regions of the state;
- Economic diversification; or
- Economic enhancement of a Targeted Industry ([View Florida's Targeted Industries here.](#))
 - Describe how the project will promote specific job growth. Include the number of jobs that will be retained or created, and in which industry(ies) the new net jobs will be created using the North American Industry Classification System ([NAICS](#)) codes. Where applicable, you may list specific businesses that will retain or create jobs or make capital investment.
 - Provide a detailed explanation of how the public infrastructure improvements will connect to a broader economic development vision for the community and benefit additional current or future businesses.

Please see attached word document.

2. Additional Information:

(If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.)

A. Provide the proposed commencement date and number of days required to complete construction of the public infrastructure project.

Final design is expected to be complete by April 2022. Project construction bidding can commence in April 2022. The bidding process takes approximately 120 days. Construction will take 365 days.

B. What permits are necessary for the public infrastructure project?

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) General Permit, Florida Department of Health (DOH) General Permit, Environmental Resource Permit and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Right of Way Permit are required.

- C. Detail whether required permits have been secured, and if not, detail the timeline for securing these permits. Additionally, if any required permits are local permits, will these permits be prioritized?

The FDEP General Permit, DOH General Permit and Environmental Resource Permit are secured. The City needs to apply for the FDOT Right of Way Permit. The City will submit the permit application during the procurement process and issuance will take not longer than three months. Local permits are not required.

- D. What is the future land use and zoning designation on the proposed site of the infrastructure improvements, and will the improvements conform to those uses?

The north east quadrant is zoned Planned Community Development and the north west quadrant is zoned Commercial General. All of the parcels are shown as Activity Center in the Future Land Use Map. The land and zoning designations conform and are appropriate uses. No changes need to be made.

- E. Will an amendment to the local comprehensive plan or a development order be required on the site of the proposed project or on adjacent property to accommodate the infrastructure and potential current or future job creation opportunities? If yes, please detail the timeline.

Yes No

- F. Is the project ready to commence upon grant fund approval and contract execution? If no, please explain.

Yes No

The City needs to finalize project design first. This is expected to be complete by April 2022.

- G. Does this project have a local match amount? Yes No

If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.

North Port will use the federal American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as a match.

- H. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal. Maps and other supporting documents are encouraged.

Attached:

1. Cover Sheet and Key Sheet from Engineered Plans
2. Resolution 2021-R-09 Executed Allowing City Manager or Designee to Apply
3. Letters of Support.

3. Program Budget

(If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.)

Estimated Costs and Sources of Funding: Include all applicable public infrastructure costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.

1.) **Total Amount Requested** \$ 1,690,000.00
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

A. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County \$ _____

Private Sources \$ _____

Other (grants, etc.) \$ 1,690,000.00

Total Other Funding \$ 1,690,000.00

ARPA funds
 Please Specify: _____

B. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:

Construction \$ 3,380,000.00

Reconstruction \$ _____

Design & Engineering \$ _____

Land Acquisition \$ _____

Land Improvement \$ _____

Other \$ _____

Total Project Costs \$ 3,380,000.00

Please Specify: _____

Note: The total amount requested must be calculated by subtracting the total other public infrastructure project funding sources in A. from the total public infrastructure project costs in B.

- C. Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information.

North Port received the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds on June 7, 2021. The first tranche was for \$4,213,679.50. City Commission determined that the first tranche will be used for the water and sewer expansion recommendations in the Economic Development Market Feasibility Study. This project is one of the recommendations. The funds will be available on October 1, 2021.

4. Approvals and Authority

(If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.)

- A. If the governmental entity is awarded grant funds based on this proposal, what approvals must be obtained before it can execute a grant agreement with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (e.g., approval of a board, commission or council)?

Approval by City Commission.

If board authorization is not required, who is authorized to sign?

- B. If approval of a board, commission, council or other group is needed prior to execution of an agreement between the governmental entity and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:

- i. Provide the schedule of upcoming meetings for the group for a period of at least six months.
- ii. State whether entity is willing and able to hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.

Regular Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of August and holidays. We are willing and able to hold special meetings within 2 days notice, if a quorum is available. Contract approval will be sought at a September Commission meeting to facilitate the agreement process. As a result, if awarded, the grant contract will not need to go back to Commission for the Mayor's signature.

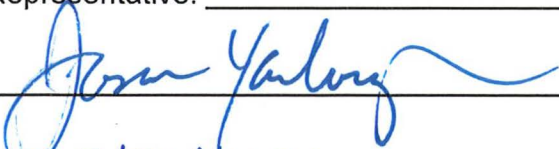
- C. Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the governmental entity. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc.

Attached Resolution 2021-R-09 delegating authority to City Manager or designee.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on behalf of the above-described entity and to the best of my knowledge, that all data and information submitted in proposal is truthful and accurate and no material fact has been omitted.

Name of Governmental Entity: City of North Port

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Jason Yarborough, Interim City Manager

Representative Signature: 

Signature Date: 7/21/2021



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANNUAL GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RELATED NON-BINDING DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, each fiscal year, the City of North Port, Florida routinely applies for multiple grants and authorizes related non-binding documents; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida desires to identify and approve the combined annual grant applications for execution and submission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida finds that it serves the citizens of the City to direct the City Manager or designee to submit such documents pursuant to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – FINDINGS

1.01 The recitals outlined above are incorporated by reference as findings of fact.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

2.01 The City Commission directs the City Manager or designee to select, execute and submit all relevant grant applications and non-binding documents, including but not limited to, close out documents, certifications, financial documents and reimbursement requests, for the following agencies, when grant funding is available to assist with the budget.

Granting Agency
Gulf Coast Community Foundation
The Harry Shapiro Charitable Foundation
Sarasota County
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Florida Department of Emergency Management
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Florida Department of Transportation
Florida Division of Historical Resources
Florida Emergency Management Agency
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- 2.02 All binding contracts and contract amendments will continue to require Commission approval.
- 2.03 The City Commission directs the City Manager or designee to distribute a memo to the City Commission identifying all City-submitted grant applications.

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

- 3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution or portions thereof, the provisions of this resolution shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

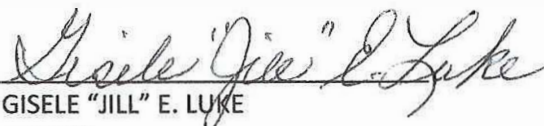
4.01 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

5.01 This resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida this 9th day of February 2021.

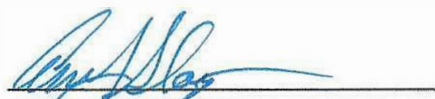
CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA


GISELE "JILL" E. LUKE
MAYOR

ATTEST


HEATHER TAYLOR, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS


AMBER L. SLAYTON
CITY ATTORNEY



Florida House of Representatives

State Representative James Buchanan

District 74

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5900 Pan American Blvd.
Building A: Unit #102
North Port, FL 34287
(941)-429-4560

Tallahassee Office:

209 HOB The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 717-5074

James.Buchanan@myfloridahouse.gov

Date July 1, 2021

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Please accept my letter of support for the City of North Port's application to the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. North Port is requesting \$1,690,000 (50% of the total cost) for the construction of water and sewer service to the northern quadrant of the Toledo Blade Boulevard I-75 interchange, known as the Panacea development area.

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Our city's workforce needs more employment opportunities close to home. Our community also needs a more diverse tax base. This grant award will be a major step towards fostering change and opportunity. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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James V. Buchanan

Committees

Environment, Agriculture, & Flooding Subcommittee, Chair | Agriculture & Natural Resources
Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice Chair | State Affairs Committee | Civil Justice & Property Rights
Subcommittee | Tourism, Infrastructure, & Energy Subcommittee



THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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JOINT COMMITTEE:

Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining

SENATOR JOE GRUTERS

23rd District

June 21, 2021

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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Sincerely,

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Joe Gruters

REPLY TO:

- 381 Interstate Boulevard, Sarasota, Florida 34240 (941) 378-6309
- 316 Senate Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5023

Senate's Website: www.flsenate.gov

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President of the Senate

AARON BEAN
President Pro Tempore



Eric Troyer
Chairman

Rick Mosholder
Vice Chair

Walter Spikes, Jr.
Treasurer

Ted Ehrlichman
President & CEO

June 25, 2021

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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Respectfully,

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Mr. Ted Ehrlichman
President/CEO



CHARLOTTE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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July 2, 2021

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Please accept the Charlotte County Economic Development Office's letter of support for the City of North Port's application to the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. North Port is requesting \$1,690,000 (50% of the total cost) for the construction of water and sewer service to the northern quadrant of the Toledo Blade Boulevard I-75 interchange, known as the Panacea development area.

As North Port is our immediate neighbor to the north, and as such, we support new business opportunities in North Port and throughout all of southwest Florida. The workers in Charlotte County, like those in North Port, unfortunately have to commute to other areas for job opportunities. Funds from this grant proposal should open job opportunities to residents of southwest Florida that will benefit our entire region.

As always, we appreciate what you and your administration is doing to help our state and local economies growth. Please consider this grant request for the City of North Port. To help continue to grow our region's tax base and diversify our employment base.

Respectfully,

Dave Gammon
Director



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June 30, 2021

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

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Respectfully,

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Destin Wells

Vice President, Business Development Services
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June 21, 2021

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

Please accept the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce letter of support for the City of North Port's application to the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. North Port is requesting \$1,690,000 (50% of the total cost) for the construction of water and sewer service to the northern quadrant of the Toledo Blade Boulevard I-75 interchange, known as the Panacea development area.

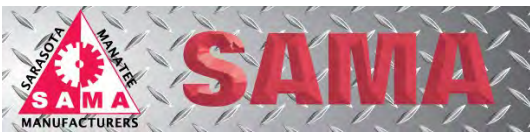
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Sincerely,

William J. Gunnin

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Executive Director
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce



**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
OF FLORIDA**

June 24, 2021

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

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Growing the manufacturing industry in this area is crucial for establishing a more robust and stable economy, and it gives its' residents an opportunity to make higher wages than in other industries. Currently, 90% of the workforce commutes to other locations. This project will bring much needed job opportunity development. The development of skilled jobs will help ease the tax burden to the residents, creating a balanced community where people will want to work, live, and play.

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Sincerely,

Rob Harris, Executive Director – SAMA & SRMA

Sarasota-Manatee Area Manufacturers Association * 11523 Palmbrush Trail, #110, Bradenton, FL 34202
Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association * 13650 Fiddlesticks Blvd., #202-186, Ft. Myers, FL 33912



June 21, 2021

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State of Florida
The Capitol
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Respectfully,



Dr. Ron DiPillo
Executive Director
Suncoast Technical Center
Sarasota county Schools



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UNITED WAY OF SOUTH SARASOTA COUNTY

June 28, 2021

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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Respectfully,

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Barbara Cruz
President/CEO



July 1, 2021

The Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
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Respectfully,

Rick Severance
President, Wellen Park