



Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Proposal Instructions: The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Proposal (this document) must be completed by the governmental entity applying for the grant and signed by either the chief elected official, the administrator for the governmental entity or their designee. Please read the proposal carefully as some questions may require a separate narrative to be completed.

Governmental Entity Information

Name of Governmental Entity: Manatee County Port Authority

Government Federal Employer Identification Number: ██████████

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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 governmental entities that wish to access this grant fund must submit public infrastructure proposals that:

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



1. Program Requirements:

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

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

Road Improvements. The work is anticipated for cost estimating purposes to involve milling of the asphalt, blending it with and improving the base, and repaving, except in an area at Berth 8 where the sub grade condition is poor. In that area, the entire base and pavement section is to be removed and replaced with a wider section of greater base thickness with geotextile and new pavement. Condition will be addressed by testing and engineering analysis. The Future use will be addressed in a new analysis of future internal traffic flow patterns in conjunction with the Port Master Plan.

B. Is this infrastructure owned by the public? Yes No

C. Is this infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public? Yes No

D. Will the public infrastructure improvements be for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity? Yes No

E. 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.

1. Provide a detailed description of the project. Include location, size/dimensions and purpose of construction or facility, any required mitigation, and all other information needed to gain a comprehensive understanding of the project. The project description must correspond to the current year funding request; that is, if the funding request is part of a larger project, the project description must identify the specific element to be funded in the current year.

Background: Key Port roadways are becoming severely worn under typically heavy use. There are only two routes in and out of the Port. The roads are not subject to the State roadway weight limits and, as such, are subject to ongoing frequent use by overweight yard mules. There has been

significant increases in the number of trucks traversing Port Manatee roads. The Port has two rubber tire mobile harbor cranes, Gottwald G HMK 6407s at approximately 400 tons each, that rely on this road network for transfer between docks on the north and south sides of the Port. Scope: The work is anticipated for cost estimating purposes to involve milling of the asphalt, blending it with and improving the base, and repaving, except in an area at Berth 8 where the sub grade condition is poor. In that area, the entire base and pavement section is to be removed and replaced with a wider section of greater base thickness with geotextile and new pavement. Condition will be addressed by testing and engineering analysis. The Future use will be addressed in a new analysis of future internal traffic flow patterns in conjunction with the Port Master Plan. Purpose and need: The roadways are, of course, vital to the ability to move cargo through the Port. As the roadways wear, cargo handling mishaps increase and fewer loads may safely gain access to and from the docks. Upgrade is needed for safety and to avoid undue business interruption. The heavy use is expected only to increase. South Dock Street and Del Monte Way from US-41 through the South Gate to Berth 12 are the designated route for access to Berth 12 for the forthcoming 600-ton loads from Air Products, a new manufacturer of exports recently constructed across US-41 from the Port. Air Products manufactures large heat exchangers that liquefy natural gas. Air Products chose Florida for its facility, directly resulting in 250 new jobs, for its easy access to Berth 12 at Port Manatee for export of its 200 ft long, 600 ton heat exchangers. Still greater cargo traffic is to be realized with the recent completion of the Port's Berth 12 Wharf Extension and Container Terminal construction in October 2013. The 400-ton mobile harbor cranes and the 600-ton heat exchangers were not considered likely frequent loads at the time of the original design of the roads.

- F. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating, how the proposed public infrastructure project will promote:
- x Economic recovery in specific regions of the state;
 - x Economic diversification; or
 - x Economic enhancement of a Targeted Industry (View Florida's [Targeted Industries here.](#))
 - o As part of this response, describe how the project will promote specific job growth. Include a description of the number of jobs that will be retained or created, the average wages of such jobs, and in which industry(ies) the jobs will be created using the North American Industry Classification System ([NAICS](#)) codes. Where applicable, you may list specific businesses that will retain or grow jobs or make capital investment.
 - o Further, include the economic impact on the community, region, or state and the associated metrics used to measure the success of the proposed project.

Port Manatee's cargo imports and exports are finally on the rise after several years of decline or stagnant total short tons. Most commodities are demonstrating significant growth from pre-recession numbers. Petroleum products have shown the most sizeable increase with current volumes at over 5 million barrels for the current fiscal year. This increase also equates to considerable increases in the number of trucks traversing the roads inside of Port Manatee's gates. As many as 12,000 trucks a month operate over the roads. Restoration is vital to sustain the current and expected increased demand. This project will not only generate jobs, but just as important, existing high-wage jobs will be sustained. The economic benefit will reach well beyond the gates of Port Manatee. Port Manatee's existing throughput over its roadways is at a rate of 2,934,737 tons per year. Jobs related to the port business are estimated at 0.87 jobs per 100 tons of throughput. As such, this throughput represents an estimated 25,532 jobs. Preservation and continuing growth of this throughput and the related jobs depend on maintenance of the roadways. Greater growth of throughput and related jobs will result from the increase in pavement capacity allowing for growth in heavier project cargoes.

This project will be planned as not only restorative, but will be improved to tolerate heavier loads. Port Manatee has experienced demand for project cargoes. The paving will be designed at weight-bearing capacities to handle such cargo. The plant across from Port Manatee which exports 600-ton heat



exchangers and resulted in 250 new jobs, will require improved, safe roads as their exports increase. Improvements to the port roads will be felt by most realms of cargo types: containerized (utilization of the mobile cranes), liquid bulk (truck drivers) and break bulk (heavy equipment).



2. Additional Information:

A. Is this project an expansion of an existing infrastructure project?

Yes No

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

As soon as funding is received. One year.

C. What is the location of the public infrastructure? (Provide the road number, if applicable.)

Port-wide paving of roads.

D. Who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep? (Indicate if more than one are applicable.)

Federal State County City Other Port Manatee

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

F. 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?

As the work is maintenance and upgrade of existing roadways, permits likely are not required. If any of the work triggers a permit requirement, it would be a minor Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) stormwater permit if not confirmation of a de minimis exemption.

G. 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?

Planned Development Port Manatee (PDPM) land use and heavy industrial zoning. Con forming.



H. 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

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

Yes No

J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes No

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

K. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.

3. Program Budget

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

A. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:

Construction	\$	_____
3,925,000		
Reconstruction	\$ 0	_____
Design & Engineering	\$ 75,000	_____
Land Acquisition	\$ 0	_____
Land Improvement	\$ 0	_____
Other	\$	_____
Total Project Costs	\$ 4,000,00	_____
	0	

Please Specify: _____

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County	\$	_____
Private Sources	\$	_____
Other (grants, etc.)	\$	_____
Total Other Funding	\$	_____

Please Specify: _____

Total Amount Requested **\$ 4,000,000**

Note: The total amount requested must equal the difference between the public infrastructure project costs in 3.A. and the other public infrastructure project funding sources in 3.B.

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

Once funding is available, engineering and permitting will take about 4 months. Procurement of construction will then take about 3 months, followed by about 5 months of construction for a total of about a year.



4. Approvals and Authority

- 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 of Port Authority.

- 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.
The third Thursday of every month. Or every other Tuesday for BCC meetings.
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- ii. State whether that group can hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.
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- 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.



I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on behalf of the above-described governmental entity.

Manatee County Port
Authority

Name of Governmental Entity: _____

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Carlos Buqueras, Executive Director

Representative Signature: Carlos Buqueras

Signature Date: August 11, 2017