



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.

Paved General Cargo Laydown Area. Pavement of 3 - 10 acres east of Warehouse 10 f or storage and handling of various cargoes.

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: Some of the Port's cargo laydown areas are suitable in terms of pavement capacity for containers and some are not. Increasing demand for container-suitable areas has created frequent shortages of paved areas for other cargoes.



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 has not been able to meet the demand of paved areas for storage of certain cargoes. Project cargoes have been staged in berthing areas creating obstructions for the containerized cargo operations. Vessel calls have been turned away due to the limited space available when paved areas are a necessity. This project will create the opportunity for Port Manatee to expand its customer base generating additional revenue and creating jobs as the port continues to grow. Port Manatee's existing throughput requiring paved laydown area is at a rate of 1,173,518 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 10,210 jobs. There is normally demand for more cargo laydown area than is available, opening up an opportunity to increase throughput and related jobs by increasing capacity.

Paved areas can virtually handle a variety of commodities. This project is crucial for Port Manatee to experience growth in areas that it is now limited.

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.)

To the immediate east of Port Manatee's warehouse 10.

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?

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) for stormwater. Manatee County site plan approval and building permit.

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?

The required permits have not been secured. It is estimated that the FDEP permits would be obtained in about six months and the County permits in about 4 months, running concurrently. The County permits would be prioritized under the County's Rapid Response program.

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. Conforming.



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	\$ 2,200,000	
Reconstruction	\$ 0	
Design & Engineering	\$ 100,000	
Land Acquisition	\$ 0	
Land Improvement	\$ 0	
Other	\$	Please Specify: _____
Total Project Costs	\$ 2,300,000	

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

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

Total Amount Requested \$ 2,300,000

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 7 months. Procurement of construction will then take about 3 months, followed by about 8 months of construction for a total of about a year and a half.



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.

- 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.

Name of Governmental Entity: Manatee County Port Authority

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

Representative Signature: Carlos Buqueras

Signature Date: August 11, 2017