



## 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: Osceola County Board of County Commissioners

Government Federal Employer Identification Number: [REDACTED]

#### Contact Information:

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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:

- 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:

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.

NeoCity Next Generation Fiber Optic Network- funding to install a next generation state-of-the art fiber optic network through out the entire NeoCity technology district.

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- 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.
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F. 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.](#))
  - 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.
  - Further, include the economic impact on the community, region, or state and the associated metrics used to measure the success of the proposed project.

\*\*\*SEE ATTACHED\*\*\*

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



**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.  
Commencement October 2017. Estimated completion 24 months.

C. What is the location of the public infrastructure? (Provide the road number, if applicable.)  
Osceola County, East U.S. 192 CRA, NeoCity Technology District.

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

Federal     State     County     City     Other\_\_\_\_\_

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

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?  
Local permit, all local permits associated with this project will be prioritized.

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?  
Future land use designation is Commercial, the zoning designation is Employment Commercial (EC), which is intended as the most intense commercial district within the County. The proposed improvements would conform to those uses.



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

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

Yes  No

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J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes  No

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

\$4 million, Osceola County BOCC.

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

See attached. Includes maps showing the NeoCity vision along with estimated economic impacts generated by our consultant team Perkins & Will and Angelou Economics.

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### 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	<u>\$ 12 million</u>
Reconstruction	<u>\$ 0</u>
Design & Engineering	<u>\$ 0</u>
Land Acquisition	<u>\$ 0</u>
Land Improvement	<u>\$ 0</u>
Other	<u>\$ 0</u>
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<u><u>\$ 12 million</u></u>

Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:**

City/County	<u>\$ 4 million</u>
Private Sources	<u>\$ 0</u>
Other (grants, etc.)	<u>\$ 0</u>
<b>Total Other Funding</b>	<u><u>\$ 4 million</u></u>

Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Requested**      \$ 8 million

**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.**

Total project cost is \$12 million. Providing a local match of \$4 million with the remaining \$8 million being requested through the job growth grant program. This project could be completed within 24 months after funding is awarded.

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#### 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 by the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners.

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- 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.

Regular meetings occur every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays of each month.

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- ii. State whether that group can hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.

Yes, with at least 24 hours 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: Osceola County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Don Fisher, County Manager

Representative Signature: *Don Fisher*

Signature Date: 8/7/17