



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:

- 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.

Port Manatee Railroad Improvements. Port Manatee owns 7 miles of track which are in need of improvements/rebuilds in order to run a safe, efficient railroad. See attached.

- 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.

The Port Manatee Railroad needs track improvements in certain areas, to make it safer to bring cargo into the Port. Mosaic Fertilizer is brought in by rail to Kinder Morgan. It is shipped out overseas to other countries to facilitate the growth of food. Paper rolls are brought in for Del Monte to be shipped to Central America. They are used to build cardboard boxes for the return fruit and bananas being brought in to Port Manatee by Del Monte. Logistec USA ships in lumber by rail and has shipped out imported paper to Georgia Pacific Mills in the Southeast. There have been many users of the Port Manatee railroad. A strong track structure at Port Manatee benefits many companies and their employees, as well as the economy of Manatee County.



- 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.

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.

As soon as funding is received. One year.

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

Port Manatee railroad tracks.

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

Federal State County City Other Port Railroad

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

No permits necessary. All work on existing Port Manatee trackage.

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?

No permits necessary.

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?

Industrial, the improvements to the trackage will help with the safe movement of the rail cars.



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

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

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

Yes No

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

J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes No

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

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

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

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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	\$ 360,817	
Reconstruction	\$	
Design & Engineering	\$	
Land Acquisition	\$	
Land Improvement	\$	
Other	\$	Please Specify: _____
Total Project Costs	\$ 360,817	

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

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

Total Amount Requested **\$** _____

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, bid specifications will be posted with bid award announced and Port Authority approval within a month or two. Construction will begin immediately after Port Authority approval.



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 Manatee County Port Authority is required.

- 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.

Yes. 24 hours notice.

- 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 22, 2017