



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: Sumter County Economic Development (Sumter County)

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.

Targeted Industry Expansion and Water System Upgrades

- 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.

Please see the attached Word document.



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.

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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 Date- December 1, 2017; 220 Days Required to Complete

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

U.S. Highway 301, Sumterville, Florida

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?

DEP, County & City Building 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?

DEP required permits have been secured.
Building permits will be in hand before December 1, 2017, before the date of commencement.

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?

The future land use is Public-Institutional. Zoning designation is A-10C. The improvements will conform to these 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

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

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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.

FDEP Legislative Appropriation grant of \$400,000

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

Letter of support from Great Southern Wood Preserving; Letter of authorization from The City of Bushnell; Water Plant Expansion Plans; DEP Permit Approval



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>\$ 1,165,099</u>		
Reconstruction	<u>\$ N/A</u>		
Design & Engineering	<u>\$ 118,633</u>		
Land Acquisition	<u>\$ N/A</u>		
Land Improvement	<u>\$ N/A</u>		
Other	<u>\$ N/A</u>	Please Specify:	<u>N/A</u>
Total Project Costs	<u>\$ 1,283,732</u>		

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County	<u>\$ N/A</u>		
Private Sources	<u>\$ N/A</u>		
Other (grants, etc.)	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	Please Specify:	<u>FDEP Approp.</u>
Total Other Funding	<u>\$ 400,000</u>		

Total Amount Requested \$ 883,732

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.

The project is scheduled to commence by October 2017 and will be built in two phases. The first phase is funded with matching funds and should be completed in early 2018. The second phase is currently not funded but is fully designed and permitted. Should funding become available, the project could be built next fiscal year in 2018.



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 Sumter Board of County Commissioners

- 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.

Please see the attached Word document.

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

Special meeting can be held with one day 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.

Sumter County Board of County Commissioners
Name of Governmental Entity: _____

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator
Name and Title of Authorized Representative: _____

Print, sign, scan and attach with form submission.
Representative Signature: _____

Signature Date: _____

Question B. i.

The Sumter Board of County Commissioners meet for a regular meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m.

The BOCC meets the second Tuesday at the Sumter County Courthouse, 215 East McCollum Avenue, Bushnell, FL 33513

The BOCC meets the fourth Tuesday at Colony Cottage Regional Recreation Center, 510 Colony Boulevard, The Villages, FL 32162

Question E.

Sumter County Economic Development is proposing a project to upgrade the City of Bushnell's water storage capacity by constructing a ground water storage tank and water treatment plant infrastructure in the Sumterville area of Sumter County. These improvements will benefit the existing businesses and residents in the County Road (CR) 470 economic corridor of Sumter County. Sumter is currently the seventh fastest growing county in the nation, and home to the fastest growing MSA in the nation, The Villages® community. The Florida Department of Transportation is currently conducting a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to consider widening CR-470 from CR-527 to Florida's Turnpike, a distance of approximately 10.6 miles in Sumter and Lake Counties. This road improvement coupled with the City of Bushnell water service upgrade, will be imperative as more businesses and residents expand or locate in the CR-470 corridor.

Sumter County partners with municipalities to increase the efficiency and consistency in the delivery of services across the county. These public partnerships are the core to achieving economic growth and a safe and quality environment in Sumter County. We view this grant as an opportunity to support our partnership with the City of Bushnell to meet the broader vision and a specific targeted industry's expansion.

Question F.

The proximity to the Interstate-75 interchange, Florida's Turnpike, CSX Rail, and central location in the state, makes the CR-470 corridor an ideal location for advanced manufacturing and logistics operations. Resident industry businesses include SECO Energy Headquarters (NAICS code 551114), Eagle Roofing (NAICS code 32412), Weaver Aggregate Transport (NAICS code 484220), ACMS, Inc. (NAICS code 562212), United Agricultural Services of America (NAICS code 32531), and Great Southern Wood Preserving (NAICS code 321114). All of these businesses will gain improved fire protection and water quality when the water infrastructure project is complete. The county strives to maintain a diversified economy, especially as The Villages® community continues to expand south in the county. This infrastructure improvement will assist the county in achieving that objective.

There are several existing manufacturing businesses in the CR-470 corridor that will benefit from the proposed City of Bushnell water infrastructure improvement, including Great Southern Wood Preserving, Inc. which is a manufacturer and distributor of sustainable building products meeting the target industry grant requirement. The company holds many environmental certifications including the Environmentally Preferable Product certification by Scientific Certification Systems which is based on life-cycle assessment, the National Green Building Standard certification, and the UL Greenguard Gold Certification which ensures low volatile organic compounds emissions. The company aligns with the Cleantech targeted industry through the manufacturing and distribution of their sustainable building products.

Great Southern Wood Preserving is in the process of evaluating expansion opportunities at various existing plant locations throughout the United States. Naturally, we want to encourage their growth in Florida. Therefore, access to quality water and fire protection capacity through the City of Bushnell is an important consideration to the company as they evaluate their expansion options. An expansion in Sumter County will equate to additional capital investment and more employment opportunities for citizens in Florida. This company won't be the only one to benefit from the upgraded water service. This project will help propel the future growth of the CR-470 corridor and add utility customers, both residents and businesses to the system.