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: City of Plantation - Central Park Renovation

Government Federal Employer Identification Number: [Redacted]

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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.
   Central Park Renovation Project - See the attached document for the response to this question.

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.
   See the attached document for the response to this question.
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.)

  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.

See the attached document for the response to the question.

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.  
See the attached document for the response to this question.

C. What is the location of the public infrastructure? (Provide the road number, if applicable.)  
9151 NW 2nd Street, Plantation, Florida 33324.

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?  
See the attached document for the response to this question.

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?

Storm water management and water/wastewater agency permits anticipated to be secured by June 2018. A City of Plantation building permit is anticipated to be secured by October 2018.

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 zoning designation for this property is "mixed-use" and the land use designation is "Parks/Community Facility". No future land use and zoning designations on this site is needed for this infrastructure improvements. The improvements discussed in this document will conform to the uses designated.
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

Design phase has commenced and is expected to be completed by 1/19. Construction is currently projected to commence on 10/18 and be completed by 4/19.

J. Does this project have a local match amount?

☑ Yes ☐ No

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

The City of Plantation has allocated $2.5 million dollars as indicated in Section 3B below.

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

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

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B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

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**Total Amount Requested** $2,500,000.00

**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.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was solicited in June 2017 to provide professional services for the subject project. The City anticipates having a firm under contract and commencing with design by January 2018. Construction is currently projected to commence in October 2018 and be completed by April 2019.
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)?

The City of Plantation Council must approve agreements for this project.

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.
      See the attached document for the response to this question.

   ii. State whether that group can hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days’ notice.
      Yes, a special council meeting can take place upon 3 days written 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: City of Plantation

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Horace McHugh

Representative Signature: [Signature]

Signature Date: 9-25-17
Central Park Multi-Purpose Center Improvements

Page 2, 1a, provide the title and detailed description of the public infrastructure improvements

The existing Central Park Multi-Purpose Center houses the City of Plantation’s Parks & Recreation Department administrative staff, an exercise room, game room, single basketball court/gymnasium, general purpose locker rooms, office space for aquatics program staff, several classrooms, storage rooms and restroom facilities. The existing building cannot meet the current programs and staffing needs. Noise from daily activities in the building impacts administrative staff offices which makes it very difficult for staff to work effectively. The existing building layout and access to the building does not permit a most efficient operation for programs in the building or the aquatics program. Planned expansion of programs will only worsen these conditions.

The City of Plantation has conceptualized a project to perform selective demolition of the existing building down to its shell and re-design the interior with a new space plan to meet current and future needs. In order to maximize this approach, the City of Plantation has conceptualized the construction of a prefabricated steel 2-court gymnasium building to be located adjacent to and south of the existing building. Independent vehicular access for the aquatics program and other programs is envisioned to assist with program efficiency. Temporary relocation of administrative staff to a modular building will be necessary.

Page 2, 1e, 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 City of Plantation hosts 83 events within its entire Parks and Recreation program. From these events hosted, 52,000 regional, national and international athletes participate and 150,000 spectators attend these events. The economic impact is $29.5 million dollars to the local community. Central Park is located at the heart of Plantation and is host to a myriad of activities, including afterschool classes, youth sports programs, adult athletic leagues, fitness classes, special events, summer camps, athletic tournaments, swim meets and tennis tournaments.

Last year, the athletic activities held at Central Park hosted 7,000 participants and 24,000 spectators; aquatics events hosted 4,000 participants and 14,000 spectators and tennis events hosted 3,000 participants and 10,000 spectators. These events held at Central Park’s facilities were responsible for a total of $24.7 million in direct economic impact for the local economy. Therefore, once the renovations of the Central Park Multi-Purpose Center is complete, an increase of several thousand participants and spectators in attendance are expected. With improved infrastructure, the new facility will be more easily accessible by various sports teams and leagues, as well as create a more efficient use of the aquatics facility, increasing the ability to host larger national swim meets. The new, state-of-the-art facility will be an ideal location to serve the growing number of Plantation residents and host additional classes (including fitness, cultural arts and computer programs), sporting and community events. This increased programming will have a direct positive impact on 10 local hotels, 43 restaurants businesses in our community and a myriad of surrounding attractions. With additional participants, spectators and events, the City and the surrounding restaurants, hotels and other attractions within the region will potentially enjoy an increase of local community revenue of approximately $2 million dollars.
Within walking distance from the Central Park Multi-Purpose Center and the Aquatics Center is the Frank Veltri Tennis Center. The Frank Veltri Tennis Center features 26 lighted clay tennis courts & 2 lighted hard courts. This facility hosts many world class events such as the Orange Bowl Tennis Tournament, the USTA Girls 14’s National Tennis Tournament, the ITF International Junior Tennis events, Summer Tennis Camp and Pool programs, adult tennis leagues and a myriad of tennis classes available to the City’s residents and non-residents. The tennis players and attendees will utilize the upgraded Central Park Multi-Purpose Center and Aquatic Center before, during and after their tennis events.

Along with South Florida's favorable year-round climate and central location in Broward County, Central Park is easily accessible to the millions of residents in Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Broward Counties. Out of state and international travelers can easily access the park through Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Miami international Airport.

**Page 3, 1F, 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 industries the jobs will be created.**

The City of Plantation will, through its competitive procurement process, hire approximately 35 people for this project. The types of construction positions the City will hire will be design professionals, demolition and construction workers. The wages for this construction professionals will be vetted pursuant to the City’s competitive procurement process and is unknown at this time.

**Page 4, 2b, please provide the expected start date and the length of this project.**

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was solicited in June 2017 to provide professional services for the subject project. The City anticipates having a firm under contract and commencing with design by January 2018. Construction is currently projected to commence in October 2018 and be completed by April 2019.

**Page 4, 2e, what permits are necessary for this project?**

The subject project is anticipated to require outside agency approvals/permits through the Old Plantation Water Control District for storm water management, Broward County for water/wastewater and the City of Plantation Building Department for Florida Building Code compliance.

**Page 7, 4B, Provide the schedule of upcoming meetings for the group for a period of at least six months.**

The City of Plantation’s Council meets twice a month on Wednesday night at 7:30 pm of each month. The following are the City of Plantation Council meeting dates:

- 8/23/17
- 9/6/17
- 2/22/18
- 9/13/17
- 10/11/17
- 10/25/17
- 11/8/17
- 11/15/17
- 12/6/17
- 12/13/17
- 1/10/18
- 1/25/17
- 2/8/18
Sec. 2-129. - Chief administrative officer.

The chief administrative officer is a senior executive of the city who serves under the general supervision and direction of the mayor. The Charter of Plantation provides that the mayor is the chief executive officer of the city. The chief administrative officer is the department head of the administration. The chief administrative officer does not occupy a municipal office; therefore, while the chief administrative officer has the general authority to supervise and direct other department heads in the exercise of their administrative functions and duties, the chief administrative officer does not possess or enjoy any sovereign law enforcement or life safety power of the city, and consequently, cannot direct department heads vested with such power with respect to whether or the manner in which they choose to exercise or not exercise such power. The chief administrative officer has the specific authority to: negotiate and execute contracts, liability indemnifications, licenses, easements, deeds, notes, and satisfactions or releases of liens or claims or interests in real property; make administer, and perform legal undertakings, including effecting or approving purchases or payments; and make decisions binding on the city during various types of negotiations or legal proceedings. The chief administrative officer shall additionally perform such other duties and functions and tasks as may be directed by the mayor.

(Ord. No. 2458, § 1, 6-22-2011)