



## **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: Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency

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.

Innovation Park Master Plan and North Corridor Enhancement and Relocation (see Attachment A)

- 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 proposed Innovation Park Master Plan and North Corridor Enhancement and Relocation project promotes proactive economic vitality in the southwest area of Tallahassee-Leon County. The project leverages significant infrastructure investments currently underway by the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Blueprint, Florida State University, and Leon County Research & Development Authority, and complements targeted business recruitment efforts by the Tallahassee-Leon County Office of Economic Vitality. For more detail, see Attachment B.

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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.

The proposed Innovation Park Master Plan and North Corridor Enhancement and Relocation project complements Tallahassee-Leon County's Economic Development Strategic Plan's goal of creating 200 new private sector jobs related to development of a cluster centered on the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. Please see Attachment C for information about job industries and potential sources of future capital investment.

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The total economic impact to the Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area indicates 316 total jobs (direct and indirect/induced jobs) and \$26.5 million in total labor income will be created as a result of the anticipated job creation. The total economic output is estimated to be \$122.2 million.



**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.

Project contingent upon funding. Construction anticipated to last 24 months.

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

East Paul Dirac Drive in Innovation Park, Tallahassee, Florida

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

Federal  State  County  City  Other LCRDA

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

Please see Attachment D for more detailed information.

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 anticipated the permitting process will take four (4) months. All local permits will be prioritized and expedited.

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 and zoning designation is Suburban. The improvements conform to this use.



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.

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

Please see Attachment E for information about the Blueprint Gateway District project and how it supports long-term development potential in southwest Tallahassee.

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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	\$ 3,294,549.90		
Reconstruction	\$ _____		
Design & Engineering	\$ 534,642.13		
Land Acquisition	\$ _____		
Land Improvement	\$ _____		
Other	\$ 585,000	Please Specify:	Master Plan Consultant Fee
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$ 4,414,192.03</b>		

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

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

**Total Amount Requested**    \$ 4,414,192.03

**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.**

For a detailed budget, including utilities, CEI, and contingency estimates, as well as timing, please see Attachment F.

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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 Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board of Directors.

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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.

Dec. 5, 2017; March 1, 2018; June 21, 2018; Sept. 20, 2018

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

Yes; 48 hours notice required.

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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: Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board of Directors

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Mary Ann Lindley, Chair

Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_