



**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: Glades County Board of County Commissioners

Government Federal Employer Identification Number 288.075, F.S.

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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.

Glades County Regional Training Center connectivity to America's Gateway Logistic Center including the required decel turn lane adjoin US Hwy 27. This will provide the County Training Center and the Gateway Logistics Center with needed traffic circulation.

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.

This investment in the Glades County Regional Training Center will assist Glades County to become a rural economic development provider of new jobs for attracting new business and assist in maintaining present jobs. The present employment opportunities are mainly agricultural and the training center will provide needed certificate training and will as well provide new job force entry applicants with skills to work in other industries. The Glades Regional Training Center will continue its expansion into additional job markets, (i.e. CDL Tractor/Trailer Driving Training). Allow for the School District to utilize training opportunities. Allow for local and regional/local firefighter training, certification and re-cert. courses. Allow the training center to offer regional colleges to offer local certified and diploma courses as is appropriate. The training center will serve local business with the ability to have local employees enrolled in CEU Training. The property is located on US Hwy 27 and SR 78 with availability of rail adjacent. The facility has met land use, zoning, wetland delineation, and all other requirements. Because this is an Education Center it will enhance all local businesses.



- 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.

Because the \$5.0M training structure is in place the agricultural industry and associated businesses may immediately begin use of the facility. Once the expansion of infrastructure is complete the facility will have a direct connect with the Logistics Center and Travel Facility. Because this is an educational facility that will provide for the new FTE employment the job projection is not quantified at this time. NAICS numbers 484, 4841, 48411, 48412 and 484121.

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.

Start date =07/15/2018. Number of construction days 180

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

US Highway 27 and State Road 78 in Glades County 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?

Modification SFWMD Stormwater, FDOT Turn-Lane Permit

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?

Design is complete, however the SFWMD Stormwater Permit will require modification.
FDOT Turn-Lane Permit. 90 days
Local permits will take no more than 30 days and will be locally expedited and 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?

Industrial-Commerical, and infrastructure improvements do 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

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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.

County expenditure = \$750,000.
Private/Public Partnership = \$332,000.00

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

This project is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) Also is located in a Fiscally Constrained County as designated in the Florida Statutes.



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)?

Review and approval by Board of County Commissioners 30 days

- 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.

2/26/2018, 3/13/2018, 3/26/2018, 4/10/2018, 4/23/2018, 5/8/2018, 5/21/2018,

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

Special meetings of the Glades Board of Commissioners require 10 days 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: Glades County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: John Ahern, Chair

Representative Signature: *J. Ahern*

Signature Date: 2/15/18