

## 2018-2019 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. If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.

### Governmental Entity Information

Name of Governmental Entity: City of LaBelle

Government Federal Employer Identification Number [REDACTED]

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### Public Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

Pursuant to section 228.101, F.S., the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund was created to promote economic opportunity by improving public infrastructure and enhancing workforce training. Eligible 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:

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

Each proposal must include the following information describing how the project satisfies eligibility requirements listed on page 1.

**A. Provide a detailed description of the public infrastructure improvements.**

This project will construct public infrastructure improvements needed for multiple businesses in the Belle Arbor area of the City of LaBelle. Water and Wastewater as well as road improvements are included in this project. As such, water lines for potable water and a gravity sewer system will be installed which will consist of a lift station, and force mains.

**B. Provide location of public infrastructure, including physical address and county of project.**

The location is in the NW quadrant of the City of LaBelle, which is north of SR 80 and adjacent to Shady Oaks in LaBelle, FL, in Hendry County.

**C. Is this infrastructure currently owned by the public?**



Yes



No

If no, is there a current option to purchase or right of way provided to the County?

N/A

**D. Provide current property owner.**

N/A

**E. Is this infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public?**



Yes



No

It is both for public use and predominately benefits the public.

**F. Will the public infrastructure improvements be for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity?**



Yes



No

Many businesses and potential businesses will benefit from this infrastructure expansion to the current systems owned and operated by the City of LaBelle.

**G.** 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](#)).
  - Describe how the project will promote specific job growth. Include the number of jobs that will be retained or created, and in which industry(ies) the new net jobs will be created using the North American Industry Classification System ([NAICS](#)) codes. Where applicable, you may list specific businesses that will retain or create jobs or make capital investment.
  - 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 LaBelle, Florida in Hendry County has historically suffered with the highest unemployment rate in the State. The project is in the South Central Rural Areas of Opportunity. Rural Areas of Opportunity (RAO) are defined as rural communities, or a region composed of rural communities, that have been adversely affected by extraordinary economic events or natural disasters. The RAO establishes the region as a priority for State economic development support in the way of grants, tax credits and other partnerships and incentives. LaBelle is also a historic Main Street city. Additionally, Hendry County is part of former President Obama's Promise Zone for priority incentives and funding for area of severe need for economic revitalization. This project will be the first of its kind for the small, economically challenged community providing for permanent new jobs, millions of dollars of investment and revitalization of the local economy through new demands for services and resources, and new positive growth that will provide improved tax revenues and commerce for the future. Over 56 FTE jobs will be created in the short term (within one year) and it's projected that within five years over 100 FTE jobs will be created.

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## 2. Additional Information:

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

**A.** Provide the proposed commencement date and number of days required to complete construction of the public infrastructure project.

It is estimated that once construction begins the number of days required to complete the public infrastructure is 270 days. We propose a commencement date of September 30, 2018.

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**B.** What permits are necessary for the public infrastructure project?

FDOT, FDEP and SFWMD permits will be needed. Many of the permit applications are already in the submittal process.

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- C. 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?

Local permits will be prioritized and secured in an expeditious manner. All other permits applications have been or will soon be submitted. No issues have been encountered and none are expected which would not allow the project to be completed in the 270 day construction period.

- D. 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 improvements conform to all existing future land use and zoning designations in the project boundaries.

- E. 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

No amendments or changes are needed.

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

Yes       No

The Belle Arbor infrastructure project is ready to commence upon the Florida Jobs Growth grant fund approval and contract execution.

- G. Does this project have a local match amount?  Yes       No

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

The private investments in association with the City partnership with DEO/EF11 on the infrastructure portion of the project will involve millions of dollars.

- H. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal. Maps and other supporting documents are encouraged.

Attachments are provided.

### 3. Program Budget

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

**Estimated Costs and Sources of Funding:** Include all applicable public infrastructure costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.

1.) **Total Amount Requested**      \$ 1,350,000  
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

**A. Other Workforce Training Project Funding Sources:**

City/County                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Private Sources                 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other (grants, etc.)            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Other Funding**        \$ N/A

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

Construction                    \$ 1,200,000

Reconstruction                \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Design & Engineering        \$ 150,000

Land Acquisition               \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Land Improvement             \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other                               \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Costs**         \$ 1,350,000

**Note:** The total amount requested must equal the difference between the workforce training project costs in 3. and the other Public infrastructure project funding sources in 2.

- C. Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information.**

Upon execution of the agreement between the City of LaBelle and DEO the City would commence preparation to bid out the project for construction by licensed contractors. All procurements by the City of LaBelle will adhere to the City of LaBelle and the State of Florida procurement policies and statutes. The city is prepared to move forward in an expeditious manner upon notification of award. Significant engineering has already been completed and cost estimates are current.

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#### **4. Approvals and Authority**

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

- 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)?**

No additional action by the City Commission is required. The City adopted Resolution No. 2017-23 approving this application and authorizing the Mayor or his designee the authority to enter into and execute any and all related documents which are necessary to effectuate this proposal/application on behalf of the City of LaBelle, FL, Hendry County.

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**If board authorization is not required, who is authorized to sign?**

The Mayor or his designee is authorized pursuant to City of LaBelle Resolution No. 2017-23 adopted on October 12, 2017.

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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.
- ii. State whether entity is willing and able to hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.

The City of LaBelle is willing and able to hold special meetings, if necessary, upon seven days notice. The City Commission meets in regular session, once per month on the second Thursday at 6 pm.

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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. City of LaBelle Resolution No. 2017-23 adopted on October 12, 2017 is attached.**
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I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on behalf of the above-described entity and to the best of my knowledge, that all data and information submitted in proposal is truthful and accurate and no material fact has been omitted.

Name of Governmental Entity: City of LaBelle

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: David A. Lyons, Mayor

Representative Signature: David A. Lyons

Signature Date: July 27, 2018