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: Town of Callahan
Government Federal Employer Identification Number: [Redacted]

Primary Contact Name: Martin Fontes
Title: Mayor
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Callahan, FL 32011
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Email: mayor@townofcallahan-fl.gov

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Title: Public Works Director
Phone Number: (904) 879-3801

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.
   Water/wastewater lines, CSX and Norfolk Southern rail switches to service the greater west side of rural Nassau County, which includes the Crawford Diamond Industrial Park.

B. Provide location of public infrastructure, including physical address and county of project.
   Crawford Diamond Industrial Park, 30.5113304, -81.8839086, Nassau County, Florida.

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.
   Florida Power & Light (FPL)

E. Is this infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public?
   Yes    No

F. Will the public infrastructure improvements be for the exclusive benefit of any single company, corporation or business entity?
   Yes    No
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).

  o 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.

  o 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.

Nassau County has deep roots in heavy manufacturing, which has dominated the eastern landscape of the county for close to a century. A designated rural county by the state of Florida, the western part of the county has not benefited from any significant job creation and is sparsely populated due to the little infrastructure available to attract large scale employers. The lack of water and wastewater infrastructure has been the Achilles heel prohibiting this growth, but if we resolve this issue by extending service to the area, and couple it with our prime industrial land served by excellent rail and road infrastructure, we will no doubt succeed in our efforts to attract numerous employers to the Crawford Diamond Industrial Park and its surrounding areas. Today over 65% of Nassau County’s workforce leaves the county every day to work elsewhere in the region, resulting in critical revenue loss to the county, and we are determined to change that with the improvements proposed herein.

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.
   As soon as possible. Two years is the estimated timeframe of completion.

B. What permits are necessary for the public infrastructure project?
   - Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Notification/ Application for Constructing a Domestic Wastewater Collection/ Transmission System
   - Florida Department of Transportation – Utility Permit
   - CSX Transportation Inc. – Utility Permit
   - Nassau County Right of Way Permit for Utilities
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?
   • Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Notification/ Application for Constructing a Domestic Wastewater

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?

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

   Yes. There is no additional "zoning" approval to make improvements within the areas currently zoned industrial. Any activity beyond industrial would require a FLUM amendment (Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment) and rezoning. A large scale map amendment may take closer to 90-120 days.

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

   □ Yes □ No

G. Does this project have a local match amount?

   □ Yes □ No

   If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.
   Yes. A private entity will fund the balance required which is estimated to be $4,500,000.00

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

   See project attachments. Crawford Diamond Fiscal Impact Memo also attached.
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**
   $5,000,000.00
   Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

A. **Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources**:
   - City/County: $\
   - Private Sources: $4,500,000.00
   - Other (grants, etc.): $ Please Specify: __________
   - **Total Other Funding**: $4,500,000.00

B. **Public Infrastructure Project Costs**:
   - Construction: $7,500,000.00
   - Reconstruction: $0
   - Design & Engineering: $1,000,000.00
   - Land Acquisition: $0
   - Land Improvement: $1,000,000.00
   - Other: $ Please Specify: __________
   - **Total Project Costs**: $9,500,000.00

**Note**: The total amount requested must be calculated by subtracting the total Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources in A. from the total Public Infrastructure Project Costs in B.
C. Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information. See attached.

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)?
Approval from the Callahan Town Council.

If board authorization is not required, who is authorized to sign?
N/A

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.
First and third Monday at 7pm each month. Minimum 24-hour notice is required for special meetings.

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.
Grants manual provides authority explanation and is available in hard copy at Town of Callahan office.
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: Town of Callahan

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Martin Fontes, Mayor

Representative Signature: 

Signature Date: 12/17/14
# TOWN of CALLAHAN
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Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Supplemental Answer Sheet

1.

A. Water/wastewater lines, CSX and Norfolk Southern rail switches to service the greater west side of rural Nassau County, which includes the Crawford Diamond Industrial Park.

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D. Florida Power & Light

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2.

A. As soon as possible. Two years is the estimated timeframe of completion.

B. • Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Notification/ Application for Constructing a Domestic Wastewater Collection/ Transmission System
   • Florida Department of Transportation – Utility Permit
   • CSX Transportation Inc. – Utility Permit
   • Nassau County Right of Way Permit for Utilities

C. • Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Notification/ Application for Constructing a Domestic Wastewater Collection/ Transmission System: 30 days
   • Florida Department of Transportation – Utility Permit: 30 days
   • CSX Transportation Inc. – Utility Permit: 60 days
   • Nassau County Right of Way Permit for Utilities: 15 days

YES ALL LOCAL PERMITS WILL BE PRIORITIZED.

D. Open rural and Industrial Park. Yes, the improvements will conform to those uses. Zoning: Open Rural (OR) and FLUM: Agriculture. Zoning: Industrial Park (IP) and FLUM: Industrial

E. Yes. There is no additional "zoning" approval to make improvements within the areas currently zoned industrial. Any activity beyond industrial would require a FLUM amendment (Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment) and rezoning. A large scale map amendment may take closer to 90-120 days.

F. Yes.

G. Yes. A private entity will fund the balance required which is estimated to be $4,500,000.00

H. See attachments. Crawford Diamond Fiscal Impact Memo also attached.
3.

1) Total amount requested: $5,000,000.00
   A. Private Sources: $4,500,000.00
      Total Other Funding: $4,500,000.00
   B. Public Infrastructure Funding Sources:
      Construction: $7,500,000.00
      Design & Engineering: $1,000,000.00
      Land Improvement: $1,000,000.00
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   C. See attached.

4.

A. Approval from the Callahan Town Council. N/A
B. First and third Monday at 7pm each month. Minimum 24-hour notice is required for special meetings.
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