

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 Avon Park

Government Federal Employer Identification Number ██████████

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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 consists of extending 12" water distribution lines for approximately 2.25 miles and 8" sewer force main for approximately 2 miles.

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

The project is located within Highlands County, the infrastructure is owned by the City of Avon Park. The public infrastructure will be located within public right of way.

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?

The infrastructure is owned by the City of Avon Park, however, the City provides service outside the City limits.

D. Provide current property owner.

All property that will be utilized for this project will be located within public right of way.

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

Yes No

This project benefits the public, as the City serves the public.

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

Yes No

The improvements will not be for the exclusive benefit of any single company. The infrastructure improvements will benefit the current businesses that will be included in the service area. There are also businesses that are either recently approved or going through the approval process that will be in the service area. The properties adjacent to the utility extensions are zoned for business/industry and the City sees this area as a high growth area.

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.

See attached explanation.

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.

Commencement would start as soon as the grant is accepted and agreement has been negotiated.

Project is slated to be completed by July 2019.

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

FDEP permits for water/waste water extensions.

FDOT permits to construct utilities in the DOT right of way.

Highlands County Utility permits to construct utilities in county right of way.

CSX permit to construct utilities under railroad.

- 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?

Permits haven't been secured, but can be secured timely within the slated July 2019 completion goal. Local permits will be prioritized.

- 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?

Majority of parcels adjacent to proposed utility extension are zoned Commercial, Industrial and Agriculture. Agriculture parcels can pursue zoning and future land use changes as needed.

- 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.

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

Yes No

Yes.

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

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

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

See attached map/sketch for water and waste water extension.

See attached letters of support from Duke Energy, Highlands County Economic Development, Nucor Steel, and Sun Pure Holding.

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** \$ 971,500 _____
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

A. Other Workforce Training Project Funding Sources:

City/County \$ _____

Private Sources \$ _____

Other (grants, etc.) \$ _____ Please Specify: _____

Total Other Funding \$ _____

B. Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

Construction \$ 867,000 _____

Reconstruction \$ _____

Design & Engineering \$ 104,500 _____

Land Acquisition \$ _____

Land Improvement \$ _____

Other \$ _____ Please Specify: _____

Total Project Costs \$ 971,500 _____

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.

Materials estimate: \$367,500.00

Construction estimate: \$499,500.00

Engineering and design estimate: \$104,500.00

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 by City Council.

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

Approval from City Council, signature by City Manager.

- 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.

See attached schedule.

Council will hold special meetings, 48 hour notice is required.

- 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.

See attached letter of delegation of authority from Interim City Manager.

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 Avon Park

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Josh Turner Superintendent of Utilities

Representative Signature: _____

Signature Date: _____