



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: City of West Park

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

Contact Information:

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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.

Multipurpose Center & Cultural Center

- 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.

Despite challenging economic times, this is an exciting time for arts & culture in the City of West Park. The proposed cultural center will produce a wide variety of cultural and arts experiences including everything from dance to theatre, visual to performing arts, & culinary to literary arts. The National Endowment for the Arts (1997) notes that the increased number of arts organizations is directly proportional to the increasing number of arts participants – that is no different in West Park with many local arts organizations in the city. Thus growth translates arts opportunities for West Park citizens. The power & impact that arts & culture have in West Park and its surrounding communities is real! We must seize the opportunity to impact the quality of life of our residents through the transformative power of arts & cultural experiences at our fingertips. West Park is a centralized hub of the tri-county area which is primed to serve as an incubator for arts & culture in South Florida and will strengthen the economy by benefiting our local thriving cultural organizations and neighboring business city wide. The proposed cultural center will serve as a centerplate for arts. It will enhance a diverse and cultural community by improving quality of life, creating jobs, stimulating the local economy through tourism.

- 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.
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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.

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

3501 SW 56th Avenue West Park, 33023

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?

Broward County and City

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?

No permits have been secured. All permits will be secured within 90 days of project commencement. All permits will be prioritized for this projects.

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?

Open Space and Public Recreation District - S2 These improvements are consistent and will continue to be consistent with these land 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

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

Yes No

J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes No

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

City reserves

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

Additional information is attached to this application.



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	\$	_____
Reconstruction	\$	_____
Design & Engineering	\$	_____
Land Acquisition	\$	_____
Land Improvement	\$	_____

Other	\$	_____	Please Specify:	_____
Total Project Costs	\$	5,000,000.00		

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County	\$	_____
Private Sources	\$	_____
Other (grants, etc.)	\$	_____
Total Other Funding	\$	_____

Total Amount Requested	\$	_____		
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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.

Funding is being requested for implementation and completion of construction of Multipurpose Center & Cultural Center. Once awarded funding, the City will begin the bid phase and advertise for 30 days. A responsible bidder has been selected, and an agreement is fully executed (45 days)



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)?

City Commission

- 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.

August 2nd, August 16th, September 5th, September 20th, October 4th,
October 18th November 1st November 15th December 6th January 17th

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

Yes, 30 day 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: City of West Park

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: W. Ajibola Balogun, City Manager

Representative Signature: _____

Signature Date: 7/24/2017