



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: St. Lucie County Public Utilities Department

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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.

North County US1 Water Main Extension project will provide design, permit and construction of 10,000 lineal feet of 12" water main on Indrio Road from the existing 16" water main at Conley Place east to US Highway 1, 14,000 lineal feet of 12" water main on US Highway 1 from the St. Lucie County Utilities Service Boundary to the Turnpike Feeder Road (State Road 713), and 6,000 lineal feet of 12" water main on the Turnpike Feeder Road (State Road 713) from US Highway 1 to the existing 12" water main on the Turnpike Feeder Road (State Road 713). This proposed looping of the water distribution system will increase flow throughout this system while encouraging growth in the area where municipal water is not currently available.

B. Is the infrastructure owned by the public?

Yes No

C. Is the infrastructure for public use or does it predominantly 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.

Economic growth along the north St. Lucie County US1 corridor is hindered by the lack of potable water supply and fire protection available. Potable water needs are currently met by private onsite wells drawing from the surficial aquifer. The North County US1 Water Main Extension project will extend a 12-inch potable water main through this debilitating area providing opportunities for economic growth and job creation in the St. Lucie County.

- 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.

As mentioned in 1.E, economic growth along this corridor of US Highway 1 has been negatively impacted due to the lack of access to proper utilities required by development zoned for these areas. With the installation of this infrastructure the debilitated area will have the capabilities to provide the services needed by prospecting companies who have expressed their desire to be located along and to gain access to the ever populated drive of US Highway 1.

To estimate on the amount of jobs created by this project will be difficult due to this infrastructure being the catalyst for positive future development in this distressed area. However, with this area being zoned for Commercial and Industrial use, the possible future development would be those industries which fall under those categories, for example, manufacturing, and research and development purposes.

St. Lucie County's growth rate in wages has been among the slowest in the nation. The population keeps rising, yet the average wage continues to decline compared to the national average. In an independent economic study done by Policom Corporation (February 2016), the County's major city, Port St. Lucie, ranked 164th largest in population as a Metropolitan Area and 372nd in Annual Wages. However, the city was at 319 among 381 areas for economic strength. Reasons for this is believed to stem from the area's boom-and-bust of the last 15 years, a rapid growth then a rapid decline in the economy. The county's workforce is abundant with most living within the Treasure Coast region. Unemployment has been historically high, when compared to the rest of the country and the state of Florida.

The water main extension project has the potential to attract new companies to the region, rendering significant economic benefits. The infrastructure will boost new growth in the County and provide access to potentially higher-paying jobs and other economic output in the form of income and spending.



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.

The commencement date was June 20, 2017. The estimated timeline for the project will six to nine months.

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

Turnpike Feeder Road (State Road 713) north to US Highway 1 and south to Indrio Road (State Road 614), then east to the existing water main.

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?

Florida Department of Environmental Protection construction and service permit, Florida Department of Transportation construction permit, St. Lucie County right of way 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?

The permit application will be submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection by August 15, 2017. We anticipate having the permit in hand by October 1, 2017.

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?

The current land use and zoning for these improvements is Industrial and Commercial. Our Industrial Land Use allows for the establishment of manufacturing, research and development purposes, factory office and warehouse space and industrial parks. The County's Commercial Land Use is real estate intended for use by for-profit businesses, such as office complexes, shopping malls, service stations and restaurants.



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.

St. Lucie County Public Utilities Department will provide a 50% match of \$1,575,000 towards the project. The total cost for the project, including design and permitting will be \$3,150,000.

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

Please see attached.



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	\$ 2,835,000		
Reconstruction	\$		
Design & Engineering	\$ 315,000		
Land Acquisition	\$		
Land Improvement	\$		
Other	\$	Please Specify:	_____
Total Project Costs	\$ 3,150,000		

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County	\$ 1,575,000		
Private Sources	\$		
Other (grants, etc.)	\$	Please Specify:	_____
Total Other Funding	\$		

Total Amount Requested \$ 1,575,000

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.

The 50% match of \$1,575,500 for this project is provided by the Public Utilities Department of St. Lucie County. The Board approved a request for the design and permitting of the project on June 20, 2017. Design and Engineering of the project is cost at \$315,000 which includes the full itemized design of the project and the execution of all required permits. On completion of design and engineering, construction will begin immediately. The total cost for construction will be \$2,835,000 which includes mobilization and demobilization, maintenance of traffic, labor, 12" C900 pvc water main, 12" fittings, valves, fire hydrants and restoration.



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)?

Approval of the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners

- 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 1 and 15, September 5 and 19, October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21,
December 5 and 19, January 2 and 16.

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

Yes, we will need to notice at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

- 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: St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Howard Tipton, County Administrator

Representative Signature: _____

Signature Date: _____