

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: Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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.

Florida Crossroads Commerce Park infrastructure improvements - See Attachment

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

CR 484, extension of SW 49th Ave, and proposed road connections within Florida Crossroads Commerce Park approx. 3 miles west of the I-75/CR 484 interchange in southern Marion 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?

CR 484 is an existing public road; SW 49th Ave is a public road to be extended; Florida Crossroads Commerce Park is platting public roads to be dedicated to Marion County.

D. Provide current property owner.

Marion County Board of County Commissioners; the commerce park (owned by McGinley Family Limited Partnership) is arranging for dedications/transfers to Marion County.

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

Yes No

Public use/benefit - See Attachment

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

Yes No

Over 50,000 local residents in a 5-mile radius, I-75 commuters and interstate travelers, as well as multiple companies will benefit. At ±900 acres, the Florida Crossroads Commerce Park will support multiple facilities ranging from 250,000 to 3,500,000 square feet distribution/warehouse/manufacturing/industrial space and is estimated to create more than 3,000 new jobs. The improved water, sewer, power and roadway infrastructure, much of which is already in development stages, provide needed connectivity and reliability for the existing community.

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.

Economic recovery/diversification/enhancement with a broader vision for the community and benefit to current and future business - See Attachment

2. Additional Information:

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

A. Is this an expansion of an existing training program? Yes No

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

Various preliminary work is underway; design commencement within 180 days of funding award; construction complete within 36 - 48 months for water, sewer and roads.

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

FDEP water and sewer permits, SWFWMD Environmental Resource Permits for road infrastructure. Local development orders for site development (such as plats, improvement plans and/or major site plans).

- D. 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 need to be secured - See Attachment

- E. 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?

Future land use - See Attachment

- F. 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

A comp plan amendment is not necessary; local development orders for site development (such as major site plans) are. Marion County promotes an expedited permitting process of less than 30 days.

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

Yes No

Yes.

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

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

\$4,381,060.

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

Attachment (additional space needed to answer application questions);
 Exhibit A - Master Plan; Exhibit B - Road Improvements Summary; Exhibit C - Road Improvements Map; Exhibit D - Utilities Summary; Exhibit E - Utilities Water Map; Exhibit F - Utilities Sewer Map; Exhibit G - Power Summary; Exhibit H - Power Map; Exhibit I - Board of County Commissioners 2018 Schedule of Meetings; Exhibit J - Economic Impact Analysis

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** \$ 18,460,066
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

A. Other Workforce Training Project Funding Sources:

City/County \$ N/A

Private Sources \$ N/A

Other (grants, etc.) \$ N/A

Please Specify: N/A

Total Other Funding \$ N/A

B. Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

Construction \$ 3,528,333

Reconstruction \$ 0

Design & Engineering \$ 852,727

Land Acquisition \$ 0

Land Improvement \$ 0

Other \$ 0

Please Specify: N/A

Total Project Costs \$ 22,841,126

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.

An amount of \$4,381,060 has been reserved by the different agencies included in this application.

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 the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

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.

i. Exhibit I - Board of County Commissioners 2018 Schedule of Meetings

ii. Yes, special meetings require 5 business days 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.

N/A

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: Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Kathy Bryant, Chairman

Representative Signature: *Kathy Bryant*

Signature Date: July 30, 2018