



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: Glades County Board of County Commissioners
Government Federal Employer Identification Number [REDACTED]

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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.

See Attachment

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

Glades County Regional Training Center, 1030 Industrial Drive, Moore Haven, FL

- 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?

- D. Provide current property owner.

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- 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](#)).
 - 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 Attachment

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.

July 15, 2019 - Number of construction days 180

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

FDOT Turn Lane Permit
 SFWMD Stormwater
 Local permits

- 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?

SFWMD permit is in place, modification needed; FDOT turn lane permit - 90 days; local permits - 30 days and will be locally expedited and 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?

land use and zoning designation are industrial-commercial and infrastructure improvements conform to these 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

- 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.

County funds invested = \$750,000

Private/Public Partnership funds invested = \$332,000

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

Project is located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO) and is a fiscally constrained County as designated in the Florida Statutes

Map of proposed/planned infrastructure

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** \$ 2,000,000.00
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

A. Other Workforce Training Project Funding Sources:

City/County \$ 750,000.00

Private Sources \$ 332,000.00

Other (grants, etc.) \$ 1,500,000.00

Please Specify: CDBG

Total Other Funding \$ 2,582,000.00

B. Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

Construction \$ 1,800,000.00

Reconstruction \$ 0

Design & Engineering \$ 200,000.00

Land Acquisition \$ 0

Land Improvement \$ 0

Other \$

Please Specify: _____

Total Project Costs \$ 4,582,000.00

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.

Permitting - 90 days; design & engineer - 180 days; bidding - 60 days; construction - 120 days

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)?

Review and approval by Board of County Commissioners - 30 days

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

- 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.

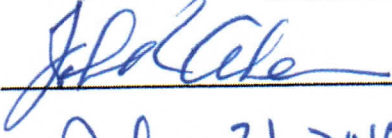
i. Board of County Commissioners meet twice monthly - every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. and on the 4th Monday of each month at 6 p.m. ii. Yes, entity is willing to hold special meetings of the Glades County Board of Commissioners which requires 10 days notice.

- 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.
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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: Glades County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: John Ahern, Chairman

Representative Signature: 

Signature Date: July 31, 2018

Glades County
2018-2019 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Application
Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Attachment to application:

1. Program Requirements:

- a. Provide a detailed description of the public infrastructure improvements.

Glades County Regional Training Center (GCRTC) roadway connectivity to America's Gateway Logistic Center including the required accel, decel turn lane onto U.S. Hwy 27 and an entrance to U.S. 27. This request will complete the roadway between County Training Center and the America's Gateway Logistics Center, where Love's Travel Center is currently operating, with needed traffic circulation and will connect the facilities together and complete the project.

The community investment of funds the County has caused to be or invested to date with these two projects has been instrumental and is included in the Program Budget on Page 5.

Question G. - Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating, how the proposed public infrastructure project will promote:

- Economic recover in specific regions of the state;
- Economic diversification
- Economic enhancement of a Targeted Industry
 - 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 NAICS Codes. Where applicable, list specific businesses that will retain or create jobs or make capital investment.
 - Provide a detailed explanation of the how the public infrastructure improvements will connect to a broader economic development vision for the community and benefit additional current or future businesses.

This investment in the Glades County Regional Training Center (GCRTC) infrastructure will assist Glades County to become a rural economic development provider of new jobs and for attracting new business and assist in maintaining present jobs. With the expansion of the Airglades Airport Facility nine miles south of the City of Moore Haven, the need to provide shovel ready sites with adequate roadways, water and sewer for economic diversification is a critical component for companies relocating, expanding or for new start-ups to seek Glades County for their business home. For example,

- Burma Spice relocated to the area and is planning an expansion of its facility and expects to add eight (8) new full-time positions.
- Maxant Buttons relocated their manufacturing facility to Glades County and recently acquired a second aluminum products company and are expanding as Maxant Aluminum Products.
- The County recently approved a proposal for a hotel & restaurant with retail shops. The hotelier's focus in Glades County is correlated to the close proximity to the airport. The potential for new local jobs is eminent for the hotel, restaurant and retail shops – (i.e., chefs, management, wait staff, domestic positions, etc.) as well as construction-related positions.

The present employment opportunities are mainly agricultural, trucking, manufacturing and the Training Center will provide needed certificate training and will provide new job force entry applicants with skills to work in other industries. The GCRTC currently offers CDL Tractor/Trailer Driving Training and will continue its expansion into additional job markets, (i.e., welding, HVAC, diesel mechanic, etc.). The GCRTC facility allows for:

- the School District to provide educational & utilize training opportunities (i.e, GED & citizenship classes, etc.);
- local and regional firefighter training, certification and re-certification courses;
- Regional colleges to offer local certified and diploma courses, as is appropriate;
- Serve local business with the ability to have local employees enrolled in CEU Training.

The property is located on U.S. Highway 27 and State Road 78 with availability of rail adjacent. The facility has met land use, zoning, wetland delineation and all other requirements. Because this is an Educational Center, it will enhance all local businesses.

Because the \$5 million training structure is in place, the agricultural industry and associated businesses may immediately begin use of the facility. Once the expansion of the infrastructure is complete, the facility will have a direct connect with the America's Gateway Logistics Center, where Love's Travel Center is currently operating. The GCRTC is an educational facility that will provide for the new FTE employment. The job projection is not is not quantified at this time.

NAICS numbers:

Trucking Codes - 484, 4841,48411,48412, 484121, 4842

Manufacturing – 31-33

Agricultural – 11

Hotel - 236220



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August 3, 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners in special session on July 30, 2018 approved the 2018-2019 Florida Job Growth Grant application and authorized Chairman John Ahern to sign the grant application.

The motion was made by Vice Chairman Tim Stanley, seconded by Commissioner Donald Strenth and passed by unanimous vote.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra H. Brown".

Sandra H. Brown
Glades County Clerk of Court

