



## 2021-2022 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Proposal Instructions: Please read this document carefully and provide the information requested below. Some questions may request that a separate narrative be completed. If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.

### Governmental Entity Information

Name of Governmental Entity: The College of the Florida Keys  
Government Federal Employer Identification Number: [REDACTED]

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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 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.**

Title: A Proposal To Promote Economic Recovery and Diversification Through Public Infrastructure Improvements: The College of the Florida Keys - Land Conversion: Prison to Workforce Training Center  
See attached for complete description.

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

Road Prison (closed), 450 Key Deer Blvd., Big Pine Key, Florida 33043 (Monroe County)

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**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?

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**D. Provide current property owner.**

The road prison is owned by the State of Florida and leased to The College of the Florida Keys (State Entity).

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**E. Is this infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public?**  Yes  No

The College of the Florida Keys is an open-access institution that has served the citizens of the Florida Keys for 56 years.

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

Yes  No

No, current students and graduates of The College of the Florida Keys work in the majority of critical activities needed to sustain and grow The Keys' economy. The College also has several partnerships for education and training with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Monroe County Library, Fire Department, and Emergency Management Services. MOUs for various county-wide partnerships are included in the "Additional Answers" file that accompanies this application.

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**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.

The job training programs identified in this proposal all require a substantial footprint of land. Given the “Area of Critical Concern” designation of our County and the challenges with land use, this infrastructure improvement provides the best opportunity for our Community where the College can provide quality training in critical areas (Public Safety Training and Commercial Driver’s License). Current EMSI data show Monroe County’s current demand is for 365 jobs requiring a CDL. 88 CDL positions are unfilled and projected local market demand growth is 14.7% (greater than State or National projected demand). CFK is the primary source for public safety training in The Keys. The majority of the local economy is dependent on the safe and successful movement of goods and services along US Highway 1. A growing population of trained public safety officers, certified truck drivers, and educated marine ecosystem professionals from CFK, exponentially benefit the entire Keys’ economy.

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## 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 will begin upon funding & requires 2 years to complete. However, the CDL and Law Enforcement training can begin in year one or earlier if minimum improvements can be made to the property.

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

As a State Entity, The College of the Florida Keys is self-permitting.

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- 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?

See B

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- 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?

The zoning designation is for Suburban Commercial and the proposed site conforms with that use. Note: The College will also work closely with the Department of Environmental Protection to ensure conformity of use.

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- 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

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

Yes  No

Final Project designs are in process.

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

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

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

The College has demonstrated a remarkable response to the local economy's workforce demands and stands ready with a long-term, sustainable and viable solution. See "Additional Answers" for a map of the property.

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### 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**      \$ 6,000,000.00  
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

**A. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:**

City/County                      \$ 0.00

Private Sources                 \$

Other (grants, etc.)            \$

Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Other Funding**        \$ 6,000,000.00

**B. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:**

Construction                    \$ 2,995,000.00

Reconstruction                \$ 0.00

Design & Engineering        \$ 780,000.00

Land Acquisition               \$ 0.00

Land Improvement              \$ 1,375,000.00

Other                               \$ 850,000.00

Please Specify: Equipment

**Total Project Costs**         \$ 6,000,000.00

**Note:** The total amount requested must be calculated by subtracting the total other public infrastructure project funding sources in A. from the total public infrastructure project costs in 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 land is owned by the State of Florida and is under a long-term lease to the College. The project requires no special permitting. Land Improvement/Construction activities will commence upon funding with 2 years completion time.

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#### 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 of The College of the Florida Key's District Board of Trustees

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

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- 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. The CFK Board of Trustees meets monthly, except March, August and December.

ii. The CFK Board of Trustees is willing and able to hold special meetings; 7-day notice is required. The Board may meet in emergency situations without notice.

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- 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 document.

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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: The College of the Florida Keys

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Dr. Frank E. Wood, VP of Advancement

Representative Signature: Dr. Frank Wood (see attached for Signature Page)

Signature Date: October 6, 2021