



## 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: Citrus County, Florida

Government Federal Employer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: Director of Engineering

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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.**

The project will include constructing a 24,000 square foot hangar building at the Inverness Airport.

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

Inverness Airport - Citrus County  
110 North Apopka Ave.  
Inverness, FL 34450

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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?

The proposed hangar will be constructed on the Inverness Airport, which is owned by Citrus County.

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**D. Provide current property owner.**

The Inverness Airport is owned by Citrus County.

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

Yes       No

The Inverness Airport is and will continue to be a public use airport. The proposed hangar will benefit the public by providing a working space for aviation related education and new jobs.

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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

The new hangar will be occupied by the existing Fixed Based Operator (FBO) to expand their services. Additionally, the new hangar will provide office space that can be occupied by other local businesses. The new hangar will attract more aircraft operators and electric aircraft clients. Withlacocchie Technical College has plans to utilize a portion of the new hangar as classroom and shop space to teach an FAA Part 147 aircraft maintenance program. The college expected 25 students per semester when the Part 147 Program begins.

**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 new hangar will be used to expand the services offered by FBO, including aircraft maintenance, flight training, aircraft sales, aircraft assembly, and aircraft testing. Also, Withlacocchie Tech will teach aircraft maintenance. The FBO's flight training brings students worldwide to Citrus County. International students reside in Citrus County throughout their studies injecting revenue into local economy for living expenses. Additionally, the FBO is an authorized dealer for an aircraft manufacturer that is a leader in the electric aircraft industry. The FBO is authorized to sell, assemble, and test these electric aircraft. One of the primary uses of the new hangar will be a display and sales floor for these electric aircraft. It is estimated that initially 10 jobs will be created by the project; however, over time more jobs may be created through further aircraft dealer and sales growth. NAICS Codes: 611512 Flight Training Schools, 488190 Aircraft Maintenance and Testing, 441228 Aircraft Dealers

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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.**

If the grant is included in the State's budget, which begins July 1, 2022, then construction of the new hangar is proposed to commence near the end of 2022. It is expected that the project will take a total of 18-months to complete; 6-months for engineering, design, and permitting and 12-months for construction.

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

A Citrus County building permit will be required. The Airport will submit the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration (Form 7460-1) for the federally required airspace analysis.

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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?

At this time, no permits have been secured for this project. The FAA form 7460-1 will be submitted a minimum of 3-months prior to construction beginning. Local building permits will be prioritized and will be submitted when the engineering design plans for the hangar reach 90% completion.

- 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 future land use and zoning designation on the proposed development site is Transportation/Communication/Utilities (TCU). Construction of the new hangar at INF is in compliance with the definition of this zoning designation.

- 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.

Citrus County owns the land on which the proposed hangar will be built. Two and a half (2.5) acres adjacent to existing paved airport apron has been dedicated to this project, which has an estimated value of \$707,850 according to ACRP Report 47 - Guidebook for Developing and Leasing Airport Properties

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

The attached exhibit depicts the location of the new hangar at the Inverness Airport.

### 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**      \$ 4,500,000.00  
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

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

City/County                      \$ 707,850.00

Private Sources                 \$ 0.00

Other (grants, etc.)            \$ 0.00

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

**Total Other Funding**         \$ 707,850.00

**B. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:**

Construction                    \$ 3,600,000.00

Reconstruction                \$ 0.00

Design & Engineering         \$ 720,000.00

Land Acquisition               \$ 707,850.00

Land Improvement             \$ 0.00

Other                               \$ 180,000.00

Contingencies

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

**Total Project Costs**           \$ 5,207,850.00

**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 total estimated cost to design and construct the new hangar at the Inverness Airport is \$5,207,850. The Citrus County Board of County Commissions has dedicated 2.5 acres of airport property, with an estimated value of \$707,850 to this project. The remaining funds \$4,500,000 would be provided with the approval of the Economic Development Grant.

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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)?**

The Citrus County Board of County Commissions approved the submission of this grant proposal on February 22, 2022.

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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.

If further approvals are required, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners regular board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Special meetings can be held with 10-days notice.

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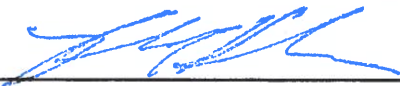
- C. Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the governmental entity. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc.**
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I, 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: Citrus County, Florida, a political Subdivison of the State of Florida

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Ronald E. Kitchen Jr., Chair

Representative Signature: 

Signature Date: 2/22/2022

**APPROVED**

FEB 22 2022

**BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**