



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: Clay County Utility Authority
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.

The project expands the Peters Creek Reclamation Facility from 0.25 MGD to 1.5 MGD. The expanded, zero discharge facility will provide capacity for new commercial and industrial zones (i.e. logistics and distribution, manufacturing, scientific services, etc.) adjacent to the newly constructed First Coast Expressway.

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

3616 Rosemary Hill Road, Green Cove Springs, Clay County, FL 32043.

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.

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

The proposed project will provide water reclamation services to support areas for residential, commercial, and industrial development west of Green Cove Springs. This includes development due to the construction of the new First Coast Expressway. Areas shown as commercial and industrial in the Lake Asbury Master Plan will create jobs in manufacturing, warehousing, and construction. All while connecting to the upgraded facility.

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.

By upgrading the current Peters Creek Reclamation Facility it will meet demands and needs for growth in the surrounding area due to the construction of the First Coast Expressway. CUA is projected to serve 21,600 customers or 8,000 ERCs when the proposed facility is brought online. Additionally as we expand the facility, CUA anticipates serving up to 135,000 customers or 50,000 ERCs. In partnership with the Clay County Economic Development Corporation an estimate of 2,000 in demand jobs, such as manufacturing, will be created due to First Coast Expressway and serviced by the Peters Creek Reclamation Facility. As the population growth outpaces the national average and with staggeringly low unemployment rates, businesses are relocating to the Jacksonville MSA to take advantage of the less restrictive labor market. Increasing capacity at the Peter's Creek Facility will allow businesses to locate into and be served in the Peter's Creek Industrial Park. NAICS coding for potential industry created jobs are as followed: 23 31 32 33 42 44 45 48 49 54 55 56

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.

The proposed project will go out to bid in October 2022, with construction anticipated to be complete by December 2024, and in service by January 2025.

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

- 1) FDEP: Modification to existing Peters Creek Wastewater Plant Capacity Permit
- 2) Clay County: Site Plan Review
- 3) Water Management District: Environmental Resource Permit
- 4) FDEP: Collection/Transmission System Permit for large diameter piping
- 5) FDEP: Individual or Standard General ERP 6) FWC: Gopher Tortoise Relocation Permit

- 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?

The permitting package has been in development since February 2022. Submission of permit application is expected August of this year. In 2008 the site was master planned with existing stormwater ponds. CUA does not expect any permitting complications. Local permits are being 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?

Current land use and zoning designation is 9101-Utilities. The proposed project will conform to existing codes.

- 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.

Clay County Utility Authority has allocated the total project cost of \$43 million in their 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

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

See attached documents.

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 \$ 1,500,000.00
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

A. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County \$ 42,319,540.00

Private Sources \$

Other (grants, etc.) \$

Total Other Funding \$ 42,319,540.00

Please Specify: Included in 5-year CIP

B. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:

Construction \$ 40,254,932.00

Reconstruction \$

Design & Engineering \$ 3,564,608.00

Land Acquisition \$

Land Improvement \$

Other \$

Total Project Costs \$ 43,819,540.00

Please Specify: Included in 5-year CIP

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.

CCUA has funds allocated for project in its 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This funding request would directly augment the project funding. DOE Job Growth Grant funds will be applied to construction costs of the facility as it is being constructed in FY23 and FY24.

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 Clay County Utility Authority Board of Supervisors. The funding for this project has been secured in CCUA's 5-Year CIP.

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.

The CCUA Board of Supervisors meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. A six month schedule would be: August 2nd 2022, August 23rd 2022, September 6th 2022, September 20th 2022, October 4th 2022, October 18th 2022, November 1st 2022, November 15th 2022, December 6th 2022, December 20th 2022, January 3rd 2023, and January 17th 2023. CCUA is able to hold special meetings with a seven day 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.

CCUA's enabling legislation describes the Executive Director, "as the agent of the Board of Supervisors for the day to day business of the Utility".

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: Clay County Utility Authority

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Jeremy Johnston, MBA, PE, Executive Director

Representative Signature:  _____

Signature Date: 08/10/2022