



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.

Governmental Entity Information

Name of Governmental Entity: City of Jacksonville

Government Federal Employer Identification Number: ██████████

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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 governmental 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:

Each proposal must include the following information describing how the project satisfies eligibility requirements listed on page 1.

- A. Provide the title and a detailed description of the public infrastructure improvements.

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- B. Is this infrastructure owned by the public?

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

- E. 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 proposed public infrastructure improvements will be made within the Imeson Industrial Park, just north of downtown Jacksonville. The Imeson Industrial Park is privately owned, but most of the roadway infrastructure is owned by the city and/or state. The industrial park is a major job center for residents living on the north side of downtown Jacksonville. The average unemployment rate in some census tracts adjacent to Imeson Industrial Park are as high as 20%.

F. 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.](#))
 - As part of this response, describe how the project will promote specific job growth. Include a description of the number of jobs that will be retained or created, the average wages of such jobs, and in which industry(ies) the jobs will be created using the North American Industry Classification System ([NAICS](#)) codes. Where applicable, you may list specific businesses that will retain or grow jobs or make capital investment.
 - Further, include the economic impact on the community, region, or state and the associated metrics used to measure the success of the proposed project.

There are over a dozen major employers in the industrial park, including Sears, Bacardi U.S.A, Samsonite, and General Dynamics, of which employ thousands of people.

There have been inquiries from various large companies in recent years about investing in other parts of the industrial park, but the lack of roadway infrastructure has been cited as one of the reasons those investments never materialized. The proposed infrastructure would open up 200+ acres of prime industrial property that would allow for companies to have easy access to I-95, major rail carriers, and the international shipping services provided at JAXPORT.

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2. Additional Information:

A. Is this project an expansion of an existing infrastructure project?

Yes No

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

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C. What is the location of the public infrastructure? (Provide the road number, if applicable.)

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D. Who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep? (Indicate if more than one are applicable.)

Federal State County City Other _____

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

Various city and state permits will be needed for the project.

F. 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 for some of the road and infrastructure improvements have already been secured. The remaining permits are expected to be secured by the end of 2017. All required local permits will be expedited.

G. 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 Land Use designation of the property where the infrastructure improvements will take place is Heavy Industrial. The Zoning Designation is PUD, which allows for primarily industrial activities.



H. 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

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

Yes No

J. 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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K. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal.



3. Program Budget

Estimated Costs and Sources of Funding: Include all applicable public infrastructure costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.

A. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:

Construction	\$ 8,000,0000		
Reconstruction	\$		
Design & Engineering	\$ 800,000		
Land Acquisition	\$ N/A		
Land Improvement	\$		
Other	\$	Please Specify:	_____
Total Project Costs	\$ 8,800,000		

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County	\$ 2,000,000		
Private Sources	\$ 800,000		
Other (grants, etc.)	\$	Please Specify:	_____
Total Other Funding	\$		
Total Amount Requested	\$ 6,000,000		

Note: The total amount requested must equal the difference between the public infrastructure project costs in 3.A. and the other public infrastructure project funding sources in 3.B.

C. Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information.

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4. Approvals and Authority

- 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)?

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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.

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- ii. State whether that group can hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many 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.



I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on behalf of the above-described governmental entity.

Name of Governmental Entity: City of Jacksonville

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Lenny Curry, Mayor

Representative Signature: Sam E. Mousa

Signature Date: 1/13/17

Sam E. Mousa
Chief Administrative Officer
For: Mayor Lenny Curry
Under Authority of:
Executive Order No. 2015-05

1A

Imeson Industrial Park Road and Infrastructure Improvements

The road and infrastructure improvements include the installation and improvement of over 10,000 linear feet of city roads (including the ancillary roadway drainage infrastructure, etc.) within the Imeson industrial park. The proposed roads will connect the rest of the industrial park roadway network to over 200 acres of new green field development sites. There will be no land acquisition costs; the right-of-way needed for the new roadway infrastructure will be donated by the developer.

2B

The project will begin in the fall of 2017, and is estimated to be complete by the fall of 2018.

2C

The public infrastructure improvements will all be within the Imeson Industrial Park. More specifically, the following city roads will be expanded and/or newly constructed: Yeagar Road, Whitaker Road, Malnove Road, and Cold Storage Drive.

2J

Pending approval by the Jacksonville City Council, the city will provide a \$2,000,000 Infrastructure Grant, from its Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (NWJEDF).

3C

If the \$6,000,000 grant is approved, the City's Office of Economic Development would file legislation in August, 2017 with City Council to obtain their approval for the acceptance of the State grant, and approval of the additional \$2,000,000 of Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Trust Fund (NWJEDTF) grant request, needed to complete the project.

If City Council approves both of the grant requests, then the final design and permitting of the proposed infrastructure will take place. That is expected to be complete by the end of 2017. The construction phase is expected to take an additional 12 months, and be completed by the end of 2018.

4A

If the \$6,000,000 in State grant funds are awarded to the City of Jacksonville, the City's Office of Economic Development will prepare legislation related to the proposed grant, and bring it for approval the Jacksonville City Council. City Council will need to approve the legislation before the city can execute the grant agreement.

4Bi

The Jacksonville City Council meets every two weeks, which should allow for the approval of the proposed legislation to be completed in a timely manner.

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Based on the City Council's bi-weekly meeting schedule, we feel as if there won't be a need to request a special meeting.