



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: Washington County Board of County Commissioners

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

Contact Information:

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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.

Highway 79 Corridor Authority Project (Please see attachment and notebook included)

- 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.

Once this entire project is completed, all three jurisdictions named in the Interlocal Agreement (which are all designated as Rural Areas of Economic Opportunity) will reap the benefits of this new infrastructure that will replace the need for future wells and septic systems, and eliminate existing ones. This infrastructure is expected to bring new businesses to the corridor, as well as an estimated creation of 219 new jobs. Highway 79 is currently being widened to four lanes by the Florida Department of Transportation and is the major north/south route to Panama City Beach.

- 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.

Washington and Holmes Counties have been repeatedly designated by the Governor of Florida as Areas of Rural Opportunity due to a continued decline in population, income, and Ad Valorem tax rolls. This development activity is the precursor for an economic development recovery. At the conclusion of this project, it is anticipated that 219 new jobs will be created within the corridor by year eight. The types of jobs to be created are typical of interstate interchanges and include retail, manufacturing, and distribution.

Using the North American Industry Classification System Codes, these prospective jobs include: Convenience Food Stores with Fuel (445120); Commercial Banks (522110); Fast Food (722513); Distribution-General (4230); Manufacturing (33XX); Restaurants-full service (722511); and Retail-General (44XX – 4599).

With the Corridor Authority's 1,525-acres, we will actively be recruiting larger distribution, manufacturing, and service industries nationwide. Economic impact on the community will be measured by the increase in all tax bases for all three entities, and will be measured by Chiploa Career Source Demographics and Statistics.

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.

Commencement date = 180 days after all funding is secured; 6 mo. to complete.

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

Florida Highway 79, south of Bonifay, FL

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

Federal State County City Other Special Auth.

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

Environmental, federal, state, and local permits will be required.

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?

The required permits will be secured upon the activation of the Corridor Authority, or 180 days after funding is secured. Local permits will be prioritized.

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?

Commercial/Industrial/ Mixed Use. The planned improvements will conform to these uses.

- 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

Please see attached.

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

Yes No

This project will be ready to commence upon the activation of the Corridor Authority, or 180 days post funding award.

- J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes No

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

Washington and Holmes County are RAO Counties and are eligible for a match wavier.

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

Please see notebook with detailed project plan accompanying this application.

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	<u>\$ 1,988,648.00</u>
Reconstruction	<u>\$ 0</u>
Design & Engineering	<u>\$ 556,000.00</u>
Land Acquisition	<u>\$ 0</u>
Land Improvement	<u>\$ 444,000.00 (wetlands)</u>

Other	<u>\$</u>
Total Project Costs	<u><u>\$ 2,988,648.00</u></u>

Please Specify: _____

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County	<u>\$ 0</u>
Private Sources	<u>\$ 0</u>

Other (grants, etc.)	<u>\$ 1,000,000.00</u>
Total Other Funding	<u><u>\$ 1,000,000.00</u></u>

Please Specify: Legislature appropriation

Total Amount Requested	<u><u>\$ 1,988,648.00</u></u>
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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.

Please see attached notebook.



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)?

Approval by the three members of the Interlocal Agreement, including Holmes County Board of County Commissioners, City of Bonifay City Council, and Washington County Board of County Commissioners.

- 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.

Please see attached.

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

Special Meeting are allowed with a seven (7)-day notice.

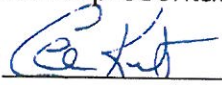
- C. Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the governmental entity. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc.



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: Washington County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Charles Kent, Chairman

Representative Signature: 

Signature Date: 07/27/2017

Section 1

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

Highway 79 Corridor Authority Project

(Please see notebook included)

This Highway 79 Corridor Authority Project consists of the development of a 1,525-acre commercial/industrial/mixed use development district, including the construction of 2.3 miles of water and sewer infrastructure along the corridor, which includes property located within the Counties of Holmes and Washington, and the City of Bonifay. The three entities are committed to the project through an Interlocal Agreement (attached). Initial research reveals that this project is expected to create 219 jobs with an economic impact of about \$13 million-a-year by the 7th year.

E. Provide a detailed explanation of how public infrastructure improvements will connect to a broader economic development vision for the community and benefit additional current or future businesses.

Once this entire project is completed, all three jurisdictions named in the Interlocal Agreement (which are all designated as Rural Areas of Economic Opportunity) will reap the benefits of this new infrastructure that will replace the need for future wells and septic systems, and eliminate existing ones. This infrastructure is expected to bring new businesses to the corridor, as well as an estimated creation of 219 new jobs. Highway 79 is currently being widened to four lanes by the Florida Department of Transportation and is the major north/south route to Panama City Beach.

F. Provide a detailed description of, and quantitative evidence demonstrating, how the proposed public infrastructure project will promote economic recovery, economic diversification, or economic enhancement of a Targeted Industry.

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Opportunity due to a continued decline in population, income, and Ad Valorem tax rolls. This development activity is the precursor for an economic development recovery for our area. At the conclusion of this project, it is anticipated that 219 new jobs will be created within the corridor by year eight. The types of jobs to be created are typical of interstate interchanges and include retail, manufacturing, and distribution. Using the North American Industry Classification System Codes, these prospective jobs include: Convenience Food Stores with Fuel (445120); Commercial Banks (522110); Fast Food (722513); Distribution-General (4230); Manufacturing (33XX); Restaurants-full service (722511); and Retail-General (44XX – 4599).

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Section 2.

H. Will an amendment to the local comprehensive plan or a development order be required on the site of the proposed project...

Land use within the Corridor has been changed to commercial/mixed use/commercial. These changes have been transmitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity for review and will be adopted upon return.

Section 4.

B. Provide the schedule of upcoming meetings for the group for a period of at least six months.

Washington County BOCC meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. Holmes County BOCC meets at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Bonifay City Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

C. Evidence of authority to execute proposal:

1. Washington County Board of County Commissioners Resolution No. 17-?? (Please see Attached)
2. Interlocal Agreement (Please see Notebook)

RESOLUTION 17-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE FLORIDA JOB GROWTH GRANT FUND

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund is a new economic development program designed to build on Florida's success and economic prosperity since 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Washington County Board of County Commissioners is eligible to apply for a grant award under this program to assist with construction costs of the Highway 79 Corridor Authority Project; and

WHEREAS, The Washington County Board of County Commissioners authorizes Ted Everett, Executive Director of the Washington County Economic Development Council, OR Karen Shaw, Washington County Grants Coordinator, to file and execute any contract or documents and apply for and administer a grant on behalf of the County for the Highway 79 Corridor Authority Project.


NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by The Board that:

1. The Washington County Board of County Commissioners is eligible to submit a grant application for the funding assistance to the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund.

2. The Washington County Board of County Commissioners supports a grant application to Florida Job Growth Grant Fund for funding assistance for the construction of water and sewer infrastructure in the Corridor.

DONE AND ORDERED in regular session at Chipley, Florida, this 27th day of July, 2017.

By:



Charles Kent
Chairman, Washington County BOCC

Attest:



Lora C. Bell

Washington County Clerk of Court