



September 5, 2018

RE: Flagler County Industrial Facility Florida Job Growth Grant Fund – Public Infrastructure

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Thank you for considering this Flagler County grant application.

Flagler County Department of Economic Opportunity (FCDEO) is positioned to obtain an \$8.3M U.S. Economic Development Authority (EDA) Disaster Recovery Grant to construct a 100,000 square-foot industrial building at the Flagler County Airport Industrial Park. The funds are available in response to economic impact of Hurricane Irma in September 2017 and the loss of 440 high-paying manufacturing jobs and \$33.8M in direct, indirect and induced annual wages resulting from the Sea Ray Boats facility closing in August 2018.

The EDA has reviewed and approved the FCDEO grant proposal and authorized submission of the final competitive application. However, the EDA grant requires a financial match. This application, if approved, will provide the matching grant dollars that will allow the project to be constructed.

Specifically, the total cost for the project is \$10.4M. The EDA has the authority to approve between 50% and 80% of the total project cost (\$5.2M to \$8.3M). The proposal submitted to the EDA requested \$8.3M (80%). While this Florida Job Growth Grant Fund application assumes worst-case scenario and requests \$5.4M (50%), we will modify the request accordingly.

This project will:

1. Construct a 100K sf industrial building in a county lacking large-scale available industrial inventory
2. Provide potential employment and retooling/retraining opportunities for 440 displaced skilled manufacturing workers
3. Generate approximately \$400,000 annually in rent to be reinvested in economic development
4. Leverage the County's \$50M investment in the Flagler Executive Airport
5. Catalyze additional private-sector investment
6. Increase the county's economic resiliency by constructing the infrastructure to stabilize and broaden Flagler County's economic base

Flagler County champions creative solutions to support our existing businesses, grow our workforce and increase our economic base and resiliency. We greatly appreciate your support and assistance. I am available at (386) 313-4071 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Helga van Eckert, Executive Director
Flagler County Department of Economic Opportunity



2018-2019 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. If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.

Governmental Entity Information

Name of Governmental Entity: Flagler County Board of County Commissioners - Dept. Economic Dev.

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

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Public Infrastructure Grant Eligibility

Pursuant to section 228.101, 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 construction of a 100,000 square foot, single-story, tilt-up industrial building with 30' ceilings, and dock-high doors on the county-owned, Flagler Executive Airport. See Attachments A & B for details.

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

The project will be located in the county-owned Airport Industrial Park. The park is located on the airport property. The address is 201 Airport Road, Bunnell, FL 32110.

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.

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

Yes No

With the devastating loss of 440+ jobs, the project benefits public directly as a source of: employment opportunities, workforce training, private sector investment, and economic resiliency funding.

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

Yes No

Flagler County DEO will lease the facility to a manufacturer, at market-rate. In addition to the immediate new employment opportunities and economic output benefits to the community, the prospective tenant will work with the County, CareerSource and the Flagler Schools to create an on-site training program that will benefit residents and displaced employees from the SeaRay facility closure. Additionally, the rental revenue generated will fund additional economic development programs to create employment opportunities for the community.

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.

Please see Attachment C

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.

December 1, 2018 - provided grant funding is approved

The project is estimated to be completed in 18 months (approx 540 days) from commencement.

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

The Flagler Airport Industrial Park is a component of the Flagler Executive Airport Master Plan.

Necessary permits include:

- County Utility Permits (expedited) 30 days from submittal
 - County Building Permit (expedited) 30 days from submittal
 - St Johns Water Permit modification (expedited) 30 days from submittal
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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?

Permits are County-issued. All county permits will be prioritized.
St Johns Water Management District Permit modification is done expeditiously.

- 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 is for an industrial park.
The improvements conform to the permitted use.

- 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

The project can commence upon contract execution, provided the funding from the U.S. Department of Economic Development Disaster Supplemental is provided.

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

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

A 50% match is proposed. The source of the match will be the U.S. Department of Economic Development Disaster Supplemental grant.

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

Attachment A - Site Location Map

Attachment B - Site Rendering

Attachment D - Implan - Economic Impact Report

Attachment E – Flagler County Board of Commissioners Resolution

Attachment F – U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA Proposal Review Committee Letter declaring
Responsiveness of Flagler County Application 112526

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** \$ 5,200,000
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

A. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County \$ in kind

Private Sources \$ 0

Other (grants, etc.) \$ 5,200,000

Please Specify: EDA Disaster

Total Other Funding \$ 5,200,000

B. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:

Construction \$ 7,900,000

Reconstruction \$ 0

Design & Engineering \$ 760,000

Land Acquisition \$ 0

Land Improvement \$ 900,000

Other \$ 840,000

Please Specify: contingencies

Total Project Costs \$ 10,400,000

Note: The total amount requested must be calculated by subtracting the total 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 matching grant funding will be provided by Flagler County Board of Commissioners through the EDA's Economic Development Disaster Grant Fund. Funding is currently available for qualified counties constructing economic development projects. Once confirmed, the grant structure is a reimbursement-based program. Based on communication with the EDA case manager, the County is qualified and will have a final award decision by the end of November 2018.

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 Flagler County Board of County Commissioners has approved the grant application and agreement execution by resolution on August 20, 2018.

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

Craig Coffey, County Administrator

- 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.

not applicable

- 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 Attachment E - Flagler County Commission Resolution

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.

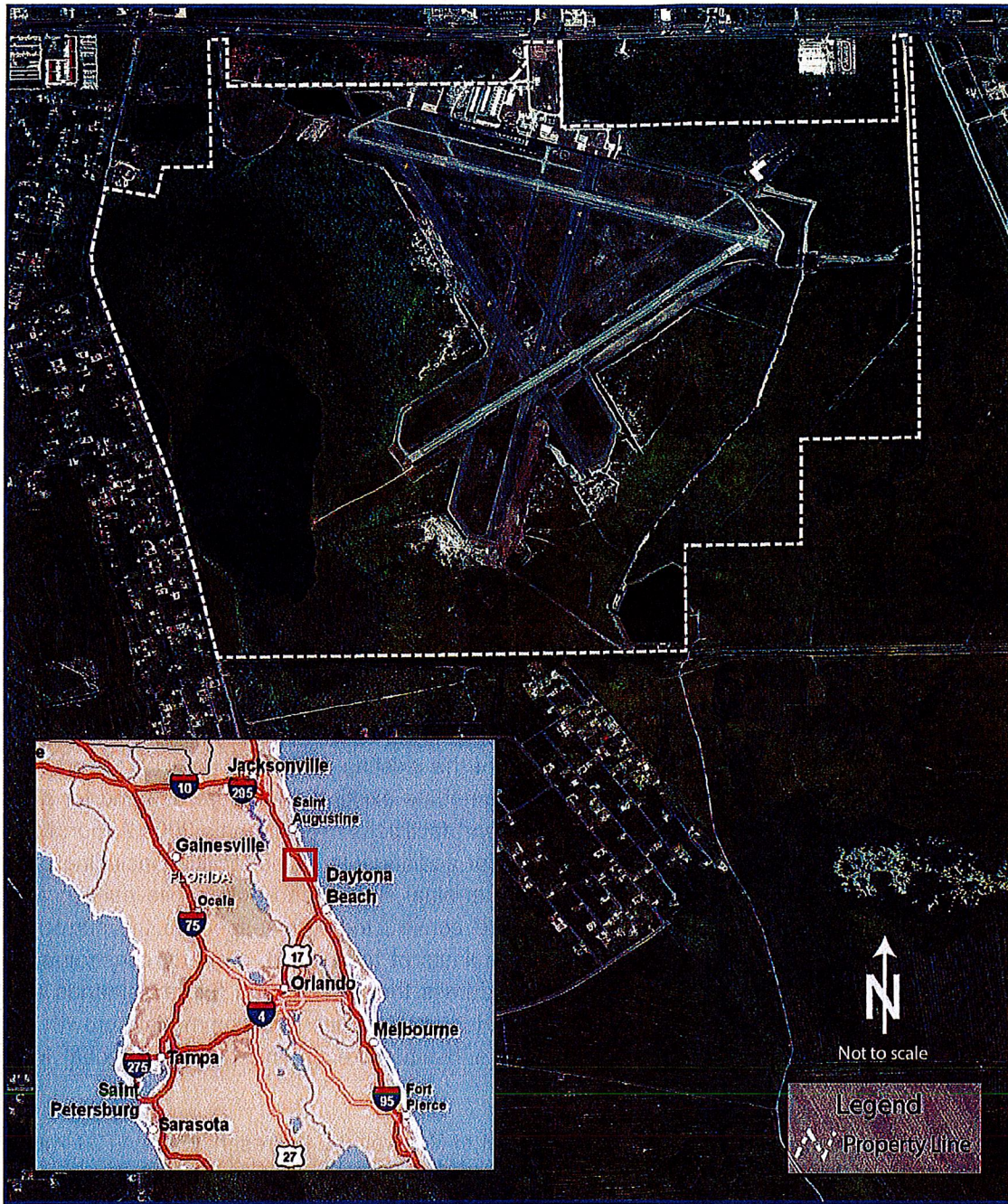
Name of Governmental Entity: Flagler County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Craig Coffey, County Administrator

Representative Signature: Craig M. Coffey

Signature Date: 27 August 2018

ATTACHMENT A



Source: Florida Department of Transportation, Flagler County Airport, DMJM Aviation, ESRI

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Flagler County Airport Environmental Assessment
Exhibit 1-1 - Vicinity Map

Attachment B
Proposed 100,000 SqFt Industrial Building



Front view



Rear View

ATTACHMENT C

1. PROJECT & ROI SUMMARY:

Summary: This grant application proposes the construction of a 100,000 square foot, single-story industrial building on the County-owned, Flagler Executive Airport (Attachment A - Site Map). The tilt-up construction facility will have a 30' ceiling height, dock-high doors, and parking to accommodate 100 employees (Attachment B – Facility Rendering). This facility will serve as a catalyst for new employment opportunities, workforce training, private sector investment, and a source of revenue to support future economic development.

Flagler County Department of Economic Opportunity (FCDEO) will lease the facility to a manufacturer at market-rate. In addition to the immediate new employment opportunities and economic output benefits to the community, the prospective tenant will work with the County, CareerSource and the Flagler Schools to create an on-site apprenticeship program that will benefit residents and displaced employees from the SeaRay facility closure. Additionally, the rental revenue generated will fund economic development programs to create employment opportunities for the community.

Based on initial conversations with a prospective tenant, the 100,000 sf facility will accommodate a manufacturing facility with approximately 40 employees with an average wage of \$50,469. This translates into 53 total jobs (direct, indirect, induced), with an average salary of \$45,380 and an annual economic output of \$5.6M. Additionally, the tenant projects substantial annual growth and anticipates growing the workforce proportionately as displaced SeaRay workers are upskilled and retooled.

Return on Investment: *The IMPLAN Economic Impact Report (below) utilizes the expected IMMEDIATE number of jobs anticipated. It does not reflect company's planned growth or the economic returns from the proposed apprenticeship program.*

IMPLAN POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT (8/2018)			
Impact Type	Employment	Annual Income	Annual Economic Output
Direct Effect	40 jobs	\$2,018,785.83	\$4,086,958.30
Indirect Effect	4.15	\$141,505.04	\$506,117.02
Induced Effect	9.30	\$264,842.81	\$1,027,465.23
TOTAL EFFECT	53.44	\$ 2,425,134.00	\$ 5,620,541.00

The FCDEO, CareerSource and the Flagler Schools will work with the prospective tenant to create an apprenticeship program on-site that will benefit displaced employees from the SeaRay facility closure as well as create the pipeline necessary for the future employment opportunities.

ADDITIONAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT	
Private Sector Capital Investment	Estimate \$2,000,000
Private Sector Lease:	\$ 500,000/yr, to be reinvested in economic development
Workforce Training:	Construction, Carpentry, Project Management
Workforce Placement	Placement w/ company and through CareerSource services
Salaries	Dependent upon skillset acquired

This program will also assist in reducing the overall skilled-workforce shortage in the state and region.

2. BROADER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Summary: This project responds to an immediate need in the community and provides a direct nexus between the Flagler County Economic Development Strategy; Innovate Northeast Florida; the County's economic resiliency efforts; and the Local & Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies.

The project will:

- Provide a facility sized to attract a large manufacturer to Flagler County
- Provide employment for 440 displaced skilled manufacturing workforce
- Leverage the County's \$50 Million investment in the Flagler Executive Airport improvements
- Provide stability by broadening and diversifying Flagler County's economic base
- Enhance manufacturing business retention and expansion opportunities by retooling/retraining displaced SeaRay employees
- Provide apprenticeships/training to create a workforce pipeline
- Increase economic resiliency by constructing the infrastructure to support and grow the economy
- Support long-term economic recovery through reinvestment of project-generated revenue

Background: Flagler County is a Rural County located on the east coast of Florida. Once the fastest growing community in the nation, Flagler County has suffered devastating setbacks, namely:

- long-term effects of the economic downturn
- losses from two hurricanes, Irma and Matthew
- single-source economic growth
- lack of economic diversity and industrial infrastructure
- the closing of SeaRay Boats, the County's largest manufacturer
- loss of 440 high-paying manufacturing jobs and 291 induced and indirect jobs

The FCDEO was created in response to the economic downturn. At that time, Flagler County had double-digit unemployment rates (the highest in the State of Florida), unprecedented real estate foreclosure activity and increasing bankruptcy filings. While the pains associated with decline of the real estate industry impacted the entire nation, Flagler County was hit significantly harder than most regions. The County had a "single-source economy", namely residential construction. While the FCDEO has attracted and facilitated growth of businesses, the county now faces new challenges.

3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE NEED/IMPACT

3.A Economic Recovery:

NEED: IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY – Loss of Major Manufacturer, 440 Direct Jobs

- Flagler County is experiencing a loss of 10% of all manufacturing jobs
- SeaRay Boats, the County's largest manufacturer (440 direct jobs + 291 indirect and induced jobs), is closing the Flagler County manufacturing facility
- The average wage earned by a SeaRay employee is \$54,476/year. The loss of these jobs, in a community that has the 7th lowest average annual income (\$31,597) in the State of Florida is devastating to the residents and the local economy
- There is no timeline for the facility to be fully decommissioned and available for reuse
- An inactive site will produce less in property and tangible income tax to the community.
- Total employment in the manufacturing sector in Flagler County was 1,037, or 4.5% of all employment in the County. The loss of SeaRay Boats eliminates 440 of those jobs, or 42%.
- The IMPLAN Economic Impact Report calculated the annual economic loss as follows:

Impact Type	Employment Loss	Annual Income Loss	Annual Lost Economic Output
Direct Effect	-440 jobs	-\$ 23,969,314.35	-\$ 1,120,882,167.32
Indirect Effect	-162 jobs	-\$ 6,165,448.79	-\$ 20,500,675.44
Induced Effect	-129 jobs	-\$ 3,682,862.31	-\$ 14,285,238.45
TOTAL EFFECT	-731 jobs	-\$33,817,625 Wages	-\$155,668,081 Output

SOLUTION: As summarized in Section 1 above, this project will provide the infrastructure to:

- attract a replacement manufacturer for the loss of SeaRay Boats
- provide a source of employment for skilled displaced workers
- create training certification programs which also benefits the state-wide skilled workforce shortage
- leverage the county’s \$50M investment in airport improvements

NEED: Employ Displaced Workers, Enhance Long Term Resiliency and Expedite Recovery

A community is only as strong as the workforce. A skilled and experienced workforce can adapt to ever-changing economic realities, earn livable wages and promote business growth. Untapped talent results in economic underperformance, individual poverty, and a lack of economic resiliency which leads to an extended recovery time.

- The average wage in Flagler County is \$31,597, one of the lowest averages in Florida
- Flagler County’s workforce participation rate (47.2%) is below the regional, state and national rates (63%, 59%, 61%, respectively)
- The County has a low number of jobs per resident, just 22.2 compared to 40.3 across Florida and a national average of 43.4. This statistic does not consider the SeaRay facility closure impact.
- 45% of Flagler Households meet the Alice criteria
- Median household income is substantially less than the regional income

	Flagler County	Region
Population	110,487	1,086,382
Median Household Income	\$ 52,406	\$ 74,879
Cost of Living Index	94.1	91.35

SOLUTION: Provide Demand-Driven Training and Pipeline Development Programs. In addition to the immediate employment and economic output benefits, the FCDEO, CareerSource and the Flagler Schools will work with the prospective tenant to create an on-site apprenticeship program. The program will increase workforce resiliency, up-train displaced employees, and create the pipeline necessary for the future business growth. This program will also assist in reducing the overall skilled-workforce shortage in the region.

Economic Resiliency/Diversity

NEED: Diversify the County Economy and Tax Base and Increase Resiliency:

- Eliminate Flagler’s single-source economy, unbalanced tax base, and tax burden that rests heavily on residential property owners.
- Flagler County, once the fastest growing community in the nation, did not plan for economic diversity. It focused development on residential growth – creating a “single source” economy.
- Less than 7% of the County’s tax base is commercial/industrial.
- Less than 0.9% of the County’s tax base is improved industrial.
- Because of this development practice, the real estate bubble burst affected Flagler County extremely hard. Unemployment skyrocketed to the highest in the nation (15%), foreclosures covered the landscape, and service businesses closed their doors.

SOLUTION: Economic diversification and new commercial/industrial construction is key to restoring a balanced tax base and providing financial resiliency. This project sets the stage for growth and diversity.

NEED: Expand and Grow Business Community - Eliminate Missed Opportunities and Loss of Growing Existing Businesses

The momentum of Flagler County's economic growth and increased resiliency slowed due to the lack of available industrial buildings. Within a 6-month period, Flagler County lost the opportunity to present to approximately 30 companies (representing 4,043 new employment opportunities). An example of a missed opportunity due to lack of industrial building is a project that presented 200 direct jobs with annual labor wages of \$12.8M and an economic output of \$154,148,214.00.

Not only does this shortfall stall the county's growth, but two previously recruited companies were nearly lost. Both companies (representing 100+ jobs) outgrew their existing facilities and larger accommodations were not available in the County. Fortunately, the companies remained through creative economic development practices.

Solution: Provide Infrastructure to Attract and Grow Industry. The construction of an industrial building will provide a location for a new company to expand to the county, create jobs and training opportunities, and serve as a catalyst for additional private sector investment.

Economic Enhancement of Targeted Industries

NEED: Provide Funding to Ensure Ongoing Economic Development – Create Revenue Stream

Solution: The completed industrial facility will lease at market-rate through the Flagler County Department of Economic Opportunity. Revenue generated through the rental agreement will fund further additional economic development programs to attract create employment opportunities for the displaced workers and our growing community.

ATTACHMENT D

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RESOLUTION 2018 - 56

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A FLORIDA JOB GROWTH GRANT FUND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION.

WHEREAS, the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners (hereafter, "Board") is eligible to apply for and receive a Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant (the "Grant") and to make infrastructure improvement for the purpose of economic development as authorized by Section 288.101, Florida Statutes; and

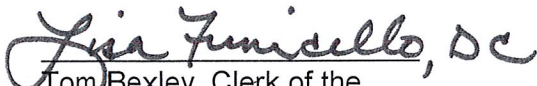
WHEREAS, the construction of a 100,000 square foot, single-story, tilt-up industrial building at the Flagler Airport Industrial Park will predominantly benefit the public by providing the infrastructure to serve as a catalyst for new employment opportunities, workforce training programs, private sector investment and a source of revenue to support economic development programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA:

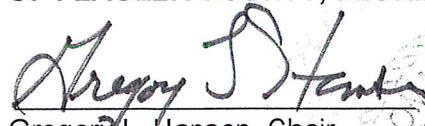
1. As a political subdivision of the State of Florida, the Board has the authority to apply for the Grant and, if awarded, enter into a Grant agreement.
2. The Flagler County Administrator is authorized to complete, execute, and deliver the Grant application, any Grant agreement, amendments, warranties, certifications and any other documents which may be required in connection with the Grant on behalf of the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2018.

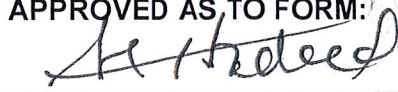
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Tom Bexley, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Comptroller

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

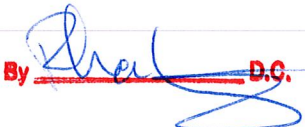

Gregory L. Hansen, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Al Hadeed, County Attorney



**I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true
And correct copy of the original
TOM BEXLEY
CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

By  D.C.

RESOLUTION 2018 – 57

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8.32M AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION.

WHEREAS, the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners (hereafter, “Board”) is eligible to apply for and receive a U.S. Economic Development Authority Grant (the “Grant”) and to make infrastructure improvement for the purpose of economic development as authorized by Section 288.101, Florida Statutes; and


WHEREAS, the construction of a 100,000 square foot, single-story, tilt-up industrial building at the Flagler Airport Industrial Park will predominantly benefit the public by providing the infrastructure to serve as a catalyst for new employment opportunities, workforce training programs, private sector investment and a source of revenue to support economic development programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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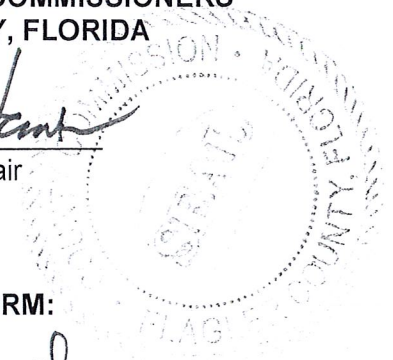
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA


Gregory L. Hansen, Chair

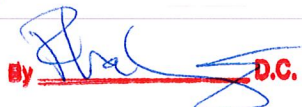


APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Al Hadeed, County Attorney



I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true
And correct copy of the original
TOM BEXLEY
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By  D.C.

ATTACHMENT F



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economic Development Administration
ATLANTA REGIONAL OFFICE
401 West Peachtree St, NW, Suite 1820
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

August 14, 2018

In reply refer to:
EDA Control No. 112526

Ms. Helga van Eckert
Executive Director
Flagler County Department of Economic Opportunity
Flagler County BOCC
1769 East Moody Boulevard
Bunnell, FL 32110-6355

Dear Ms. van Eckert:

The U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Atlanta Regional Office Proposal Review Committee (PRC) has conducted an initial review of your proposal for an EDA grant. Based on its initial review, the PRC has determined that your proposal is responsive to the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO).

If you wish to be considered for EDA funding, please submit a complete application for your proposed project by September 15, 2018. The requirements for the content and form of a complete application submission are found in the *Fiscal Year 2018 (FY2018) Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)*, and can be found on EDA's website at <http://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>.

Please be aware that EDA receives many more meritorious applications than it can fund. This request to submit a complete application in no way guarantees that EDA will approve your application or select your project for an award.

Please contact Gregory P Vaday, Economic Development Representative for Florida, at (404) 730-3009, or gavaday@eda.gov, who can assist you in the development of your application.

Thank you for your interest in EDA. For more information about our programs and other upcoming funding opportunities, please consult our website at www.eda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee H. Mertins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lee H. Mertins
Area Director
Atlanta Regional Office