



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: City of Fort Pierce
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.

See attached Addendum A

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

The proposed location for the public infrastructure is to be located along Indian River Drive and 2nd Street, extending to Marina Way and Seaway Drive in the City of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County.
Coordinates Area: 27°27'02"N/80°19'24"W

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.

City of Fort Pierce and Fort Pierce Utilities Authority

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

The infrastructure predominately benefits the public.

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

Yes No

No. The infrastructure will be used as a public benefit for revitalization efforts in the historic downtown waterfront corridor to spur economic development activity.

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.](#))
 - o 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.
 - o 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.

See Attached Addendum G

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.

Commencement would be within 12 months of grant acceptance, completion would be within 36 months of grant acceptance.

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

In addition to permits needed from the City of Fort Pierce, permits will also be required from St. Lucie County - Right-of-Way Permit, South Florida Water Management District - Environmental Resource Permit, Florida Department of Transportation - Right-of-Way Permit, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection - Environmental Resource 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?

Permits will be secured between 6-9 months, depending on entity, from acceptance of grant. All local permits will be prioritized.

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- 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?

Not applicable

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- 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

NO

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

Yes No

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

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

City of Fort Pierce will provide a local match in the amount of \$2 million.

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

Please see attached "Visual Deck - Powerpoint Presentation"

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** \$ 2,745,222.50
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

A. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County \$ 2,000,000.00

Private Sources \$ 0.00

Other (grants, etc.) \$ 0.00

Please Specify: _____

Total Other Funding \$ 2,000,000.00

B. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:

Construction \$ 0.00

Reconstruction \$ 3,560,592.50

Design & Engineering \$ 1,184,630.00

Land Acquisition \$ 0.00

Land Improvement \$ 0.00

Other \$ _____

Please Specify: _____

Total Project Costs \$ 4,745,222.50

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.

Please find attached Budget Reports: Report #1 - Bridge Replacement; Report #2 - A.E. Backus Enhancements; Report #3 - Indian River Drive Infrastructure Improvements, Report # 4 -

The City of Fort Pierce Public Funding Infrastructure Source is from a designated 1/2 Cents Sales Tax Referendum approved in 2018 for 10 years by St. Lucie County voters. As part of the referendum approval, the City included the Moore's Creek Bridge replacement project as a Capital Improvement Project designated from the increased sales tax.

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 City of Fort Pierce Commission must approve the grant agreement. The Commission meets on a bi-monthly basis, and if needed, the Mayor may call a special meeting.

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

Mayor Linda Hudson, City of Fort Pierce, will be the Commission's designee authorized to sign the agreement.

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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.

The City of Fort Pierce City Commission meets bi-monthly on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. The Mayor may call a special meeting as needed. This will require a few 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.

Attached please find a letter executed by Mayor Linda Hudson confirming her as the authorized designee to execute this proposal pursuant to the February 22, 2022 City of Fort Pierce City Commission meeting.

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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: City of Fort Pierce

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Mayor Linda Hudson

Representative Signature: *Linda Hudson*

Signature Date: 3/10/2022