**Public Infrastructure** 

**Proposed** 

Proposed



#### **Entity Information**

Owner

**Lucas Mayo** 

**Proposal Name** 

INF-07980

Name of Entity

**Jackson County Board of County** 

Commissioners

**FEIN** 

Contact

Lucas Mayo

Secondary Contact Name Sarah Sun

Second Contact Title

Administrative Services Director

**Second Contact** 

**Azure Folder Name** 

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Phone

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County

Jackson

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Yes

**Permits Secured** 

Nο

#### **Program Requirements**

**Detailed Description** 

The proposed infrastructure project will pave a two-lane road and construct related utility connections that will provide traffic relief and access to a planned housing development of at least 250 single family residences. The project will consist of paving approximately 1.293 miles of Pooser Road from SR 276 to Old Airbase Road and include the installation of pipe culverts, roadway base, asphalt, signage and pavement markings (see attached Engineer's Cost Estimate).

Location

The proposed infrastructure project is along Pooser Road which is situated in central Jackson County, FL adjacent to the city limits of Marianna. The paving will allow access to a new housing development project between SR276 (30.755037, -85.268072) and Old Airbase Road (30.754592, -85.246458).

**Public Owned** 

Yes

Public Use or Benefit Yes Public

Record Type

Stage

**Proposal Status** 

Single Entity

Description of Econ Benefits See attached Project Description and Details

**Option to Purchase** 

**Property Owner** 

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Future Land & Zoning

Pooser Road: Public Right-of-way - Yes, project conforms to this land use. Housing Development Site: Mixed Use Urban Transitional (Muut) and Residential - Yes, project conforms to this land use and zoning.

#### **Program Specifics**

Project Ready to Commence

No

Permits Needed

All permits will be received from all regulatory agencies prior to construction initiation, including but not limited to: Northwest Florida Water Management District (NWFWMD) - Stormwater, Resource Permit; Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) -Potable Water, Sanitary Sewer; US Army Corps of Engineers - Wetland Permit.

**Project Not Ready To** Commence Details Project is currently in the design phase with design expected to be completed in the next 3-6 months.

**Permits Details** 

Permits for this project are in the process of being secured. The project has already received permit exemption approval from the NWFWMD. All other applicable permits are projected to be secured within the next 3-6 months of this application submittal.

**Proposed start Date** 

8/1/2024

**Proposed duration** 

270

**Amendment Needed** 

No

**Amendment Needed** Details

**Project Local Match** 

Yes

**Project Local Match** 

The County has received an FDOT CIGP grant to fund the road design. The County will also contribute up to \$500,000 of general revenue funds to construct the necessary paving and utility infrastructure for the affordable workforce housing development project.

The City of Marianna is seeking \$1.5 Million in CDBG-ED funding to develop the water/sewer and drainage infrastructure to support the development of the Circle K project which works in conjunction with this project.

#### **Program Budget**

Requested Total

\$4,680,059.68

**Cost - Construction** \$4,509,145.16

Source - City / County

\$500,000.00

Cost - Reconstruction

\$0.00

Source - Private

\$0.00

Cost - Design and Engineering \$495,455.52

Source - Other

\$45,041.00

Cost - Land Acquisition

\$0.00

Source - Other Details

FDOT CIGP

Cost - Land Improvement \$0.00

Source - Total \$545,041 Cost - Other

\$220,500.00

Cost - Other Details

**Project Administration** 

#### **Detailed Budget Narrative**

The Board of County Commissioners committed in their regular session on February 13, 2024 to earmark up to \$500,000 from General Revenue. The City of Marianna is seeking \$1.5 Million in CDBG-ED funding to develop the water/sewer and drainage infrastructure to support the development of the Circle K project which works in conjunction with this project. The intention is for these funding sources to run concurrently. The total budget for this Job Growth Grant project is \$5,225,100.68. Included in this budget are cost estimates to complete the Paving of a 1.293 mile stretch of road commencing at SR 276 to Old Airbase in Marianna, FL (see attached Engineer's Cost Estimate) to include the necessary Construction Engineering and Inspection services, estimated at 10% of construction costs, as well as Grant Administration Costs, estimated at 5% of the construction costs. The County's CIGP grant is providing \$45,041.00 towards the final design and bid documents for the project. Additionally, the County is pledging to commit an additional \$500,000.00 towards the project as mentioned above. The road construction contractor, CEI Services, and Grant Administrators will be procured following standard grant procurement rules and regulations including but not limited to 2 CFR 200 standards.

\$5.225.101 Cost - Total

#### **Approvals and Authority**

Authorized	signatory
on Boai	rd's behalf

Board authorization for grant agreement

execution is required.

**Attestation Name of** Entity

**Jackson County Board of County** Commissioners

**Attestation Name and Title of Auth Rep** 

Lucas Mayo, Grants/Contracts Manager

The Jackson County Board of

Commissioners must give approval to accept the final grant agreement.

Attestation Representative **Signature**  Lucas Mayo

**Meeting Schedule** 

**Approvals Needed** 

The Board of Commissioners meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 9AM and 6PM respectively. **Attestation Signature** 

2/19/2024

**Meeting Notice Days** 

Yes, a minimum of 7 days' notice should suffice to allow for a special meeting to

be called.

**Authority Proof** 



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# Florida Job Growth Grant Application Jackson County Project Description and Details

#### Introduction

Jackson County is seeking funding for the Pooser Road Affordable Workforce Housing Development Project. The project involves paving an approximately 1.2 mile stretch of roadway along Pooser Road from SR 276 to Old Airbase Road. These improvements along with the required utility connections and drainage improvements will help to connect citizens from the major transportation road along SR276 to the planned housing development site along Pooser Road. The planned housing development will consist of creating a minimum of 250 single family homes that are intended to be workforce/affordable housing units that will help alleviate the housing crisis in Jackson County that has been further exacerbated by Hurricane Michael, the Covid-19 Pandemic, and economic inflation. These planned developments will be funded by set aside funds from the County and will coincide with Jackson County's overall long-term plan, entitled "Restore, Renew, Rebuild" which outlines the County's long-term strategy for long term revitalization and recovery as well as the County's overall "Strategic Plan" which states the County shall encourage housing development to "enhance community vibrancy to support residents while attracting new talent and visitors."

#### **Economic Impact of New Infrastructure**

The estimated \$5.0 million to construct the proposed infrastructure project will directly create an estimated 100 jobs, including the following necessary labor:

- Engineering Services, including construction engineering, civil engineering, and environmental engineering needs (541330);
- Water, Sewer, and Utility Construction (236220);
- Civil Engineering Construction (5431330); and
- Highway, street, and bridge construction (237310).

The successful completion of the proposed infrastructure project will enable the indirect creation of approximately 100 positions related to or in support of proposed infrastructure project. These indirect positions considered are the individuals hired to construct the affordable housing units; New Single-Family Housing Construction, New Multi-family Housing Construction (236115, 236116). However, more importantly, this project will enable the supply of

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approximately 588 members of the workforce (assuming a 2.35 persons per household average in Jackson County, 2019 US Census estimates) to remain in the County or enable new qualified workers to find housing in the County.

This project will also serve to attract new businesses to the area. Jackson County along with the City of Marianna have been diligently working to attract the business enterprise Circle K Inc. to the area to develop a Convenience Store, Gas Station, Quick Service Restaurant, and Full-Service Truck Wash. Circle K has committed to the project that will provide up to \$14 Million in capital investment and create up to 80 Full Time Equivalent Positions provided that the County/City are able to put in place the necessary public infrastructure to support the development. The City of Marianna is working on obtaining funding from a CDBG-ED grant to install the necessary water/sewer and drainage infrastructure while the County is focusing on paving Pooser Road, of which the western end will connect to Circle K's planned developments. It is the shared vision of the County, City, and Circle K that all the planned developments can work together to expand the local economy, alleviate the County housing crisis, and provide quality jobs to the area.

#### Jackson County Housing Crisis: Hurricane Michael, Covid-19, and beyond

No story of Jackson County would be complete without mentioning the impact of Hurricane Michael, which landed a devastating blow to the infrastructure and economy of the area in 2018. The storm did not cause the affordable housing shortage in Jackson County – it merely exacerbated it. Most of the damage in Jackson County was concentrated around the urban center: in this case Marianna. Prior to the storm, Jackson County did not have enough affordable housing to meet the needs of its lower income residents. According to a housing recovery report issued on December 2, 2019, by the Florida Housing Coalition there are approximately 15,000 homes in Jackson County. Of which 62% of those homes are Single Family Residences, 30% are Mobile/Manufactured homes, and the remainder of housing is made up of a combination of duplexes and apartment units. Of these 15,000 approximately, 3,750 households in Jackson County do not have affordable housing. This means that nearly one-fourth of the County's population does not have access to affordable housing and most of these individuals are severely cost burdened, that is, paying more than 50% of their income towards housing.

Hurricane Michael caused severe damage to the County's housing stock due to the advanced age of our homes as most of the housing built in Jackson County was completed between 1960 and 2009. These older homes are less likely to be up to the current code, which means that they are

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more likely to be impacted by a disaster like Hurricane Michael. With manufactured housing, older homes age poorly and are at serious risk of housing problems.

Following the storm, the County received over \$10 million dollars from various government programs and non-profit organizations to help citizens put their homes back to their pre-storm conditions. Through these funds and from the assistance of several local recovery groups the County has mostly addressed its unmet housing needs as a result of the storm. However, the County is still experiencing a housing shortage and a dire need for new residential development that can be provided at a rate that is affordable for our workforce. The most recent data shows a 40% increase in sale price of homes since Hurricane Michael, and as home prices continue to rise, there is still a high demand for these homes, however, there has been little to no development on this front.

In Jackson County, there are very few options for rental housing which leads the members of our workforce to pursue homeownership. The median income in Jackson County at \$43,416 compared to the State average of \$67,917, this number has only marginally increased over the last 10 years. Without sufficient funds to build, most of our citizens must either pay exorbitant rental fees or inflated mortgage payments. This path pushes them back to the original issue at hand as many of the houses on the market currently are existing homes. The County needs an influx of new housing units that are up to current industry standards and that can be rented or purchased at an affordable rate. The County's proposed development will create at least 250 new affordable single-family dwelling residences and will put a significant dent in the current housing crisis. These developments will only take up a small portion of the Pooser road parcel identified for use as housing development and will open the door to greater housing expansion in the future. To facilitate these housing developments the County is in the process of securing a development agreement with a qualified home construction company to provide financing and construction services.

With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic many individuals were either let go, furloughed, or saw a reduction in the number of hours they were allowed to work, severely inhibiting their ability to make their housing payments on time. The stimulus payments from the Federal Government were a tremendous help to many of our individuals, however the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic continue to plague our citizens. In 2021 and 2022 the nation saw the highest rates of inflation in over a decade. While these numbers appear to have leveled off somewhat the cost of living continues to rise while a commensurate increase in living wages for many in Jackson County does not.

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#### **Broader Economic Development Vision**

This project is being pursued under the vision of the Jackson County Master Plan for the Endeavor Property, 5-Year Jackson County Strategic Plan, and the Restore, Renew, Rebuild Initiative. The entire property identified as Endeavor can be seen on the highlighted portions of the attached project map and included below is a short excerpt regarding the history of the property and the County's vision for the future.

"On January 1, 1900, the State of Florida opened the "State Reform School" on 1,200 acres of locally donated property on the southwest side of Marianna, Florida. In 1967, the State changed the name to "Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys". The State operated the juvenile detention facility for 111 years, closing the facility on June 30, 2011. Jackson County requested the State transfer the property to the County to prevent the potential development of a blighted area from the abandoned State facility. By action of the legislature (FL Rules 2017-69) and by action of the Cabinet on December 4, 2018, the State transferred the 1,278 acres of property to Jackson County."

Since that time the County has diligently pursued various grant and alternative funding opportunities to kickstart the revitalization of this property with the intention of making "Endeavor" a hub for economic development for the entire region.

In addition to these efforts the County and City are working cooperatively to attract new businesses to the area. Ruan Transportation, which provides warehousing and distribution for Family Dollar and Publix, is located at the Interstate exit adjacent to the project site. The facility is 1.2M sq. ft and is expanding based on demand. Ruan Transportation has acquired land to build an additional 250,000 sq. ft of cold storage and additional truck parking. Schneider Trucking recently opened a new transfer yard adjacent to Ruan. Additionally, from a Public Safey standpoint, there is a new \$20M Sheriff's Department under development along SR276 that is projected to also include a southern entrance along Pooser Road, having paved access to the Sheriff's Office will increase the efficiency and response time of these first responders. Additionally, the Marianna Fire Station is located less than one mile away from the planned housing development area and would also benefit from the paved access road to the planned development in the event of an emergency. Along with these developments will come an influx of new jobs to the area and new workers who will need a place to live. Paving Pooser Road to allow for the development of affordable-workforce housing units is essential to the future success of the economy of Jackson County as whole.

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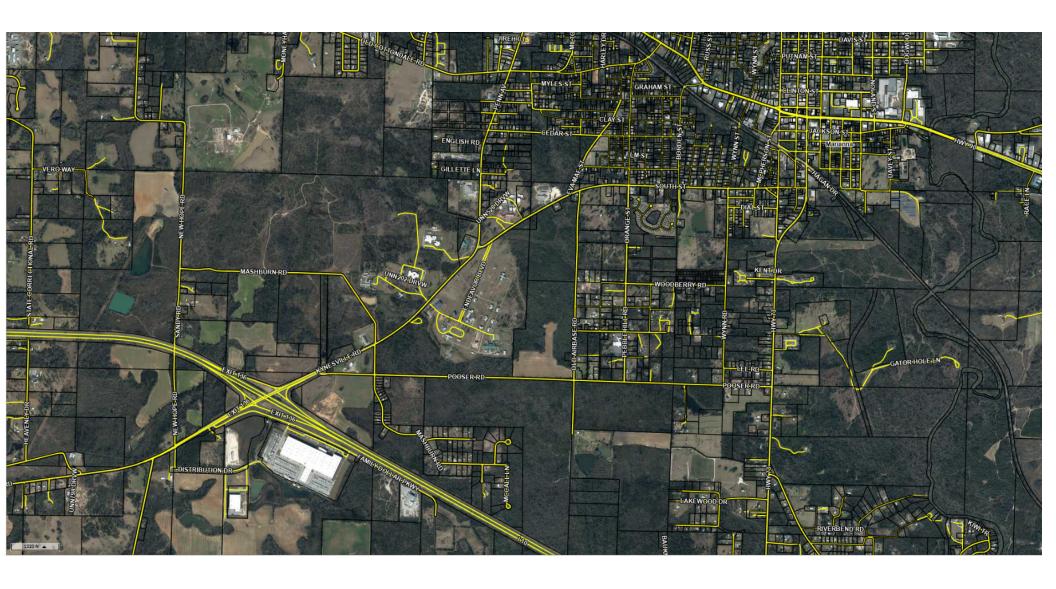
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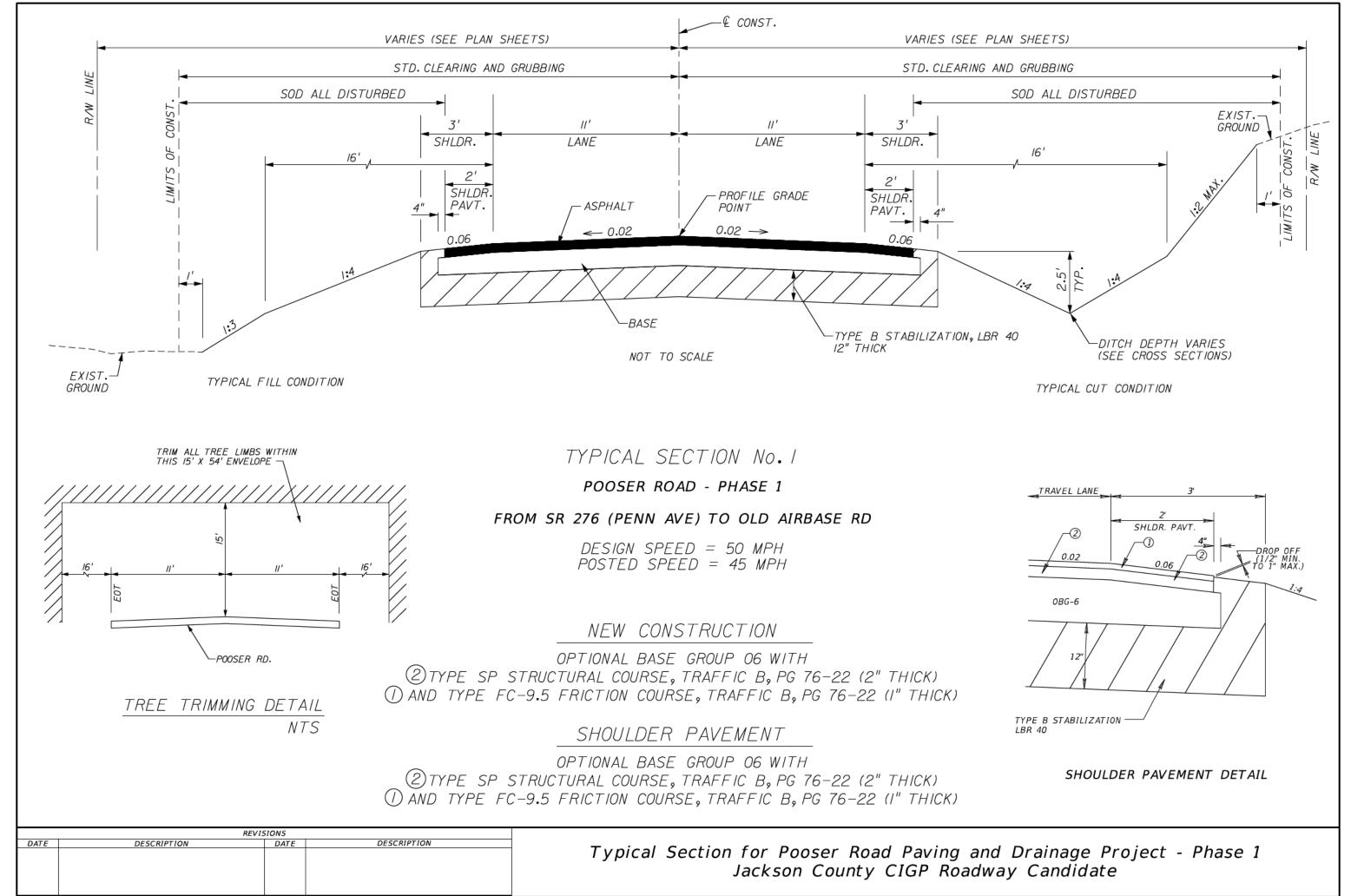
#### Conclusion

Jackson County is host to many unique and impressive physical and natural assets. Residents and visitors agree that the County's unique history, architecture, interconnected rural towns, extensive tree canopy, Florida Caverns State Park, and exceptional waterways are major strengths of the County. However, much of the County's overall charm was lost following the devastation caused by the hurricane and despite having great rural character, the County's current infrastructure doesn't always adequately complement that charm.

As part of a larger strategy to attract and expand residential, commercial, and industrial development the County has made a concerted effort to expand economic development throughout the County. This current project being applied for balances all aspects of the County's overall long-term recovery vision by developing critical infrastructure that will provide a needed access road for the citizens of Jackson County as well as a system for electricity, sewer, natural gas, and water to a proposed housing development area that will encourage future development. These developments will decrease a future developer's initial cost of constructing infrastructure and provide a more marketable development going forward. This project will also create a significant number of jobs in our region in the fields of engineering residential construction, road construction, and project management. According to a recent housing study completed by Florida State University, the construction development cost of 250 new homes is approximately \$40 Million. The tax income produced as a result of these occupied units could result in an additional \$988,000 in State Tax Revenue and \$640,000 in County Tax Revenue. Further, the income generated because of the housing units is estimated to be \$9.5 Million which would generate an additional \$580,000 in County Tax Revenue. These numbers represent a staggering \$1.4 Million increase to the County's overall tax income which would be an enormous boost to the County. All these factors combined will make Jackson County a better place to live and work for future generations to come.

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## Florida Job Growth Grant Application Jackson County Project Budget and Timeline

PO AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE	OSER ROAD HOUSING DEVELOPME	ENT PROJECT
Budget Category	Cost	Proposed Project Timeline
Design/Engineering (FDOT CIGP)	\$45,041.00	75% Complete
Construction Engineering Inspections (10% of cons. cost)	\$450,414.52	Aug. 2024 – Dec. 2024
Project Administration (approx. 5% of cons. cost)	\$220,500.00	May 2024 – Jan. 2024
Construction (see attached document "Pooser Rd. Engineer's Cost Estimate", includes contingency and utility connections as needed)	\$4,509,145.16	Aug. 2024 – Dec.2024
TOTAL BUDGET	\$5,225,100.68	

Total Job Growth Grant Amount	¢4 C90 0E0 C9
Requested:	\$4,680,059.68

#### **ENGINEERS COST ESTIMATE**

## **Project Name: Pooser Rd Paving Project - Phase 1**

Project Description: Pooser Rd from SR 276 (Penn Ave) to Old Airbase Road (1.293 miles)

Date: May 12, 2023

Pay Item Number	Pay Item Description	Quantity	Unit		ngineer's Init Cost	То	tal Engineer's Cost
	Roadway						
101-1	Mobilization (7%)	1.0	LS		267,345.60	\$	267,345.60
102-1	Maintainence of traffic (3%)	1.0	LS	+	114,576.69	\$	114,576.69
0102-3	Commercial Material for Driveway Maintenance	20.0	CY	\$	95.00	\$	1,900.00
0104-10-3	Sediment Barrier	1,043.0	LF	\$	2.60	\$	2,711.80
0110-1-1	Clearing and Grubbing	13.7	AC	\$	35,240.00	\$	482,788.00
0120-1	Excavation	9,900.0	CY	\$	7.40	\$	73,260.00
0120-4	Subsoil Excvation	3,500.0	CY	\$	17.00	\$	59,500.00
0120-6	Embankment	18,960.0	CY	\$	14.00	\$	265,440.00
0160-4	Type B Stabilization, LBR 40	24,650.0	SY	\$	9.60	\$	236,640.00
0285-706	Roadway Base, OBG-06	37,835.0	SY	\$	40.00	\$	1,513,400.00
0286-1	Turnout Construction Base	39.0	SY	\$	53.00	\$	2,067.00
0334-1-53	Asph. Conc., Type SP, PG 76-22, Traffic C	2,670.0	TN	\$	153.00	\$	408,510.00
0337-7-83	Friction Course FC-9.5 (1") PG 76-22, Traffic C	1,340.0	TN	\$	168.00	\$	225,120.00
0430-174-118	Pipe Culvert, Optional Material, Rnd, 18" SD	220.0	LF	\$	145.00	\$	31,900.00
0430-174-148	Pipe Culvert, Optional Material, Rnd, 48" SD	190.0	LF	\$	450.00	\$	85,500.00
0430-175-118	Pipe Culvert, Optional Material, Rnd, 18" CD	104.0	LF	\$	136.00	\$	14,144.00
0430-175-124	Pipe Culvert, Optional Material, Rnd, 24" CD	42.0	LF	\$	158.00	\$	6,636.00
0430-175-130	Pipe Culvert, Optional Material, Rnd, 30" CD	46.0	LF	\$	235.00	\$	10,810.00
0430-175-142	Pipe Culvert, Optional Material, Rnd, 42" CD	70.0	LF	\$	307.00	\$	21,490.00
0430-530-100	Straight Concrete Endwall, 30", Single, Round	2.0	EA	\$	9,288.00	\$	18,576.00
0430-542-100	Straight Concrete Endwall, 42", Single, Round	2.0	EA	\$	12,975.00	\$	25,950.00
0430-548-100	Straight Concrete Endwall, 48", Single, Round	2.0	EA	\$	21,300.00	\$	42,600.00
0430-982-125	Mitered End Section, Opt. Material, Rnd, 18" CD	6.0	EA	\$	3,164.00	\$	18,984.00
0430-982-129	Mitered End Section, Opt. Material, Rnd, 24" CD	2.0	EA	\$	3,578.00	\$	7,156.00
0430-984-125	Mitered End Section, Opt. Material, Rnd, 18" SD	8.0	EA	\$	3,148.00	\$	25,184.00
0550-10-110	Fencing, Type A Farm Fence, 0'-5' Height, Std.	217.0	LF	\$	21.00	\$	4,557.00
0550-10-222	Fencing, Type B Chain Link, 5'-6' Height, Std.	308.0	LF	\$	20.00	\$	6,160.00
0570-1-2	Performance Turf, Sod	34,600.0	SY	\$	4.50	\$	155,700.00
0700-1-11	Single Post Sign, F&I	6.0	AS	\$	495.00	\$	2,970.00
0700-1-60	Sign Removal	6.0	AS	\$	51.00	\$	306.00
0700-3-501	Sign Panel Relocate, Up to 12 SF	2.0	EA	\$	161.00	\$	322.00
0705-10-2	Object Maerkers, Type II	4.0	EA	\$	139.00	\$	556.00
0706-1-3	Raised Pavement Marker, Type B	430.0	EA	\$	4.50	\$	1,935.00
	6" Solid White Temp TCP Striping	2.609	GM	\$	1,309.00	\$	3,415.18
0710-11-125	24" Solid White Temp TCP Striping	130.0	LF	\$	1.85	\$	240.50
0710-11-201	6" Solid Yellow Temp TCP Striping	3.854	GM	\$	1,308.00	\$	5,041.03
0710-11-224	18" Solid Yellow Temp TCP Striping	186.0	LF	\$	1.70	\$	316.20
0710-90	Painted Painted Markings, Final Surface	1.0	LS	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
0711-11-125	24" Solid White Thermoplastic	146.0	LF	\$	6.50	\$	949.00
0711-11-160	White Message or Symbol, Thermoplastic	4.0	EA	\$	181.00	\$	724.00
0711-11-100	White Arrow, Thermoplastic	3.0	EA	\$	86.00	\$	258.00

0711-11-224	18" Solid Yellow Thermoplastic	186.0	LF	\$	5.00	\$ 930.00
0711-16-101	6" Solid White Thermoplastic	2.609	GM	\$	5,360.00	\$ 13,984.24
0711-16-201	6" Solid Yellow Thermoplastic	3.854	GM	\$	5,343.00	\$ 20,591.92
					Subtotal	\$ 4,201,145.16
*Design is alread	ly complete. Just needs to be updated and split into Phase	S			Contingency	\$ 250,000.00
			Total Co	nstru	action Costs	\$ 4,451,145.16
** Non-Participa	ting Costs	Utili	ity Work I	Estim	ated Cost**	\$ 53,000.00
		Right-o	f-Way Ac	quisi	tion Costs**	\$ 5,000.00
	Tota	l Cost of FDOT	Non-Part	icipat	ting Items**	\$ 58,000.00

Note: Unit prices shown above are based on FDOT 2022-2023 historical statewide averages.

Design Estimated Cost*	\$ 45,041.45

<b>CEI Estimated Cost</b>	\$ 450,414.52

TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ 5,004,601.13
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This item has been digitally signed and sealed by Rodney O. Adams on the date adjacent to the seal.

Submitted By: Rod Adams, P.E. DHM Engineer of Record

P.E. No.: 61599

#### SPECIAL MEETING JULY 22, 2020

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners and Industrial Licensing Board met in special session on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Commissioners present were as follows: Chairman Clint Pate, Eric Hill and Jim Peacock. Chuck Lockey was absent and Dr. Willie Spires entered the meeting later. Others attending were: Wilanne Daniels, County Administrator, Karlyn Tidwell, Deputy County Administrator, Clay Rooks, Clerk of Court and Daniele McDaniel, Finance Officer.

Chairman Pate opened the Budget Hearing.

Wilanne Daniels, County Administrator, presented a written Library Meeting Room Use Policy for the Jackson County Public Library located at 2929 Green Street. This policy puts in writing the current meeting room use practice for community events and adds the use of the meeting room for counseling. A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and carried 3-0 (Lockey, Spires out) to approve the Library Meeting Room Use Policy with the additional statement "use of rooms for counseling may be held once a week for up to 4 hours".

Karlyn Tidwell, Deputy County Administrator, presented a policy for the disposition of unclaimed remains. A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and carried 3-0 (Lockey, Spires out) to initiate a Request for Proposal for cremation services. A motion was made by Commissioner Hill to continue the \$500 contribution to the funeral home for indigent families. The motion was withdrawn as no action was needed. A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and carried 3-0 (Lockey, Spires out) to adopt the Disposition of Unclaimed Remains Policy, striking the verbiage "established by County Resolution".

A motion was made by Commissioner Peacock, seconded by Commissioner Hill and carried 3-0 (Lockey, Spires out) to allow the County Administrator to initiate the bid process for items budgeted without having to bring each bid request to the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peacock, seconded by Commissioner Hill and carried 3-0 (Lockey, Spires out) to allow Grant Applications to be submitted without the Board voting to apply. The County Administrator will notify the Board once applications have been submitted.

Clay Rooks, Clerk of Court, presented a request to allow Finance to issue CARES Act reimbursements to municipalities or businesses without waiting for Board meetings. A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and carried 3-0 (Lockey out) to authorize payment for CARES Act reimbursements as approved.

By consensus, the following changes were made to the Sheriff and E911 budgets:

- Remove the Sheriff's Office Contingency reducing it from \$15,794 to \$0
- Add \$11,000 to E911 Anticipated Revenues to cover the Capital Outlay request for software for "Text-to-911". The cost of the software will be reimbursed by State Grant.
- Reduce the E911 Transfer to the Sheriff line item by \$11,000 from \$238,348 to \$227,348
- Increase the E911 Grant 18-04-16 expense line item by \$11,000 from \$36,889 to \$47,889

Chairman Pate recessed the meeting for a break from 10:30 – 10:45 AM.

#### REGULAR MEETING JULY 22, 2020 PAGE 2

A motion was made by Commissioner Peacock, seconded by Commissioner Hill and carried 3-0 (Lockey, Spires out) to adopt the four (4) month Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Smart City Capital, pending acceptance by the County Attorney and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Pate recessed the meeting for lunch from 11:25 AM - 1:30 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and carried 3-0 (Lockey, Spires out) to leave the specially equipped Covid-19 Ambulance at the Main Station on Hwy 71 North, until CARES Act funds are no longer available.

Sandy Martin, Jackson County Health Department, presented the Health Department budget. She is requesting \$10,000 to purchase a large mower and \$6,000 to upgrade the Health Department facilities position to include maintaining the grounds. She presented an update on Covid19 in Jackson County.

Rebecca Morris-Haide, Property Appraiser, presented the Property Appraiser budget.

Sara Applewhite, Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, reviewed the County Audit Report for FY 18-19.

Clay Rooks, Clerk of Court and Daniele McDaniel, Finance Officer, discussed the status of MSTU funds.

Commissioner Spires entered the meeting at 2:05 PM.

Chairman Pate recessed the meeting for a break from 2:20 – 2:30 PM.

Sarah Sun, Jackson County Sheriff's Office Administrator, discussed the following:

- Telephone line item was increased by \$15,000 for cell phones and internet boosters.
- Administration line item was increased due to pre-employment costs for new hires
- Requesting the purchase of four (4) new vehicles from Capital Outlay to supplement the lease program
- ProPhoenix CAD System issues
- Jackson County School Board Guardian Training Program

The Board discussed dividing Discretionary funds by the total number of roads per District. A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Peacock and carried 4-0 (Lockey out) to divide any future Discretionary funds by the percentage of total Roads in each District. The Rock fund distribution will remain the same.

Chairman Pate adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.



February 7, 2024

FloridaCommerce Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Mike Mueller, Program Administrator 107 E. Madison Street Caldwell Bldg. MSC 150 Tallahassee, FL 32399-4129

Dear Mr. Mueller,

I am writing to express my strong support for Jackson County's application for the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund. This grant is critical in addressing the pressing need for workforce housing development in this fiscally-constrained county. As you are well aware, this community has faced significant challenges, particularly exacerbated by the devastating effects of Hurricane Michael.

Jackson County and rural Florida have experienced a shortage of attainable housing for many years, making it increasingly difficult for working families and individuals to find affordable homes. The lack of workforce housing options has hindered economic growth, impacted local businesses and their productivity, and strained the community's resilience. We believe that targeted investment in workforce housing is essential to address this issue, promote sustainable development, and stop the loss of workforce population.

Jackson County will utilize the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund to develop workforce housing components for itself and the region. These housing units will provide stability, improve quality of life, and contribute to the region's overall well-being.

Accessible housing options allow workers to live closer to their workplaces, reducing commute times, enhancing productivity, and improving the GDP of the region. A stable workforce with affordable housing options benefits local businesses by ensuring a reliable labor pool that fills open employment spots and contributes to profitability of businesses. Affordable housing fosters community cohesion, attracts new residents, and encourages long-term investment.

We appreciate your commitment to economic growth and job creation in Florida. By allocating a portion of the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund to workforce housing development in Jackson County, they can address the housing crisis, strengthen the local economy, and build a more resilient community.



Thank you for your favorable consideration to this matter. We look forward to working collaboratively to secure funding that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of the residents.

Respectfully,

Roy Baker

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February 7, 2024

FloridaCommerce Mike Mueller, Program Administrator 107 E. Madison Street Caldwell Bldg. MSC 150 Tallahassee, FL 32399-4129

RE: Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund Request for Jackson County

Dear Mr. Mueller,

On behalf of Florida's Great Northwest (FGNW), the 13-county regional economic development organization for the Florida panhandle, I am writing to express my strong support for Jackson County's application for the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund. This grant is critical in addressing the pressing need for workforce housing development in Jackson County, a rural county that is fiscally constrained. Jackson County is resilient as it has faced significant challenges in recent years, such as the devasting effects of Hurricane Michael.

Jackson County has experienced a shortage of attainable housing, making it increasingly difficult for working families and individuals to find affordable homes. The lack of workforce housing options has hindered economic growth, impacted local businesses, and strained the community's resilience. A targeted investment in workforce housing is essential to address this issue and promote sustainable development.

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FGNW promotes the region as an ideal place to do business and work to strengthen Northwest Florida's economy and improve regional competitiveness. Attainable housing for our low and moderate-income families is critical to our region's economy, and it's imperative that we create solutions to this problem.

We respectfully request your support for Jackson County's Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund request. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 850.527.0999 or jconoley@fgnw.org.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Conoley, CEcD President & CEO



Carmen D. Smith, Immediate Past Chair Jackson County Chamber of Commerce PO Box 130, Marianna, FL 32447-0130 executivedirector@chipolahabitat.org (850) 718-8217

February 13, 2024

FloridaCommerce Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Mike Mueller, Program Administrator 107 E. Madison Street Caldwell Bldg. MSC 150 Tallahassee, FL 32399-4129

Dear Mr. Mueller,

Please accept this letter as the Chamber of Commerce's full support of Jackson County's application for the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund. For years, our county has had a shortage of quality and attainable housing, and the shortage has been exacerbated in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

As our community strives to enhance our economic outlook, maintain a robust and thriving local business community, and continually improve the quality of life for all residents, we know we will not maximize our potential unless we have met the workforce housing demand. We believe that targeted investment in workforce housing is essential to address this issue and promote sustainable development.

Jackson County will utilize the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund to develop workforce housing in the county. It is our hope that the housing units will provide stability, improve quality of life, and contribute to our community's overall well-being.

Thank you for your commitment to economic growth and job creation in Florida. By allocating a portion of the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund to workforce housing development in Jackson County, we can address the housing crisis, strengthen our local economy, and build a more resilient community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working collaboratively to secure funding that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents.

In the spirit of community,

Carmen D. Smith, Immediate Past Chair Jackson County Chamber of Commerce



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February 12, 2024

FloridaCommerce
Florida Job Growth Grant Fund
Mike Mueller, Program Administrator
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Dear Mr. Mueller,

I am writing to express my strong support for Jackson County's application for the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund. This grant is critical in addressing the pressing need for workforce housing development in our fiscally constrained county. Our community has faced significant challenges, particularly exacerbated by the devastating effects of Hurricane Michael.

Our county has experienced a shortage of attainable housing, making it increasingly difficult for working families and individuals to find affordable homes. The lack of workforce housing options has hindered economic growth, impacted local businesses, and strained our community's resilience. We believe that targeted investment in workforce housing is essential to address this issue and promote sustainable development.

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We appreciate your commitment to economic growth and job creation in Florida. By allocating a portion of the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund to workforce housing development in Jackson County, we can address the housing crisis, strengthen our local economy, and build a more resilient community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working collaboratively to secure funding that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents.

Sincerely,

Carmen D. Smith, Chair

North Florida Inland Long Term Recovery



February 7, 2024

### Mike Mueller Program Administrator

107 E. MADISON ST. | CALDWELL BLDG. MSC 150 | TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-4129

Re: Florida Commerce—Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

Dear Mr. Mueller.

On behalf of NextStep at Endeavor Academy, I am writing to express my strong support for Jackson County's application for the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund. NextStep is a two-year intensive transition program focusing on employment and independent living skills for autistic adults. As our focus is supporting these individuals to live and work independently, the need for workforce housing in this area has become abundantly clear. 100% of NextStep's participants are currently competitively employed; the "next step" for them is affordable housing.

The Job Growth Grant is critical in addressing this need for workforce housing development in our fiscally constrained county. This community has faced significant challenges, particularly exacerbated by the devastating effects of Hurricane Michael. The shortage of attainable housing makes it increasingly difficult for working families and individuals to find affordable homes. The lack of workforce housing options has hindered economic growth, impacted local businesses, and strained our community's resilience. Targeted investment in workforce housing is essential to address this issue and promote sustainable development.

Jackson County will utilize the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund to develop workforce housing in the county. These housing units will provide stability, improve quality of life, and contribute to our community's overall well-being.

Accessible housing options allow workers to live closer to their workplaces, reducing commute times and enhancing productivity. This is especially true for the autistic population we serve at NextStep since transportation is a barrier for many. Affordable housing options contribute to a stable workforce which benefits local businesses by ensuring a reliable labor pool. Affordable housing will go a long way toward encouraging autistic adults and their families to remain in our community after they complete our program. Their jobs will be here; we want their homes to be here, too!

Thank you for your commitment to economic growth and job creation in Florida. By allocating a portion of the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund to workforce housing development in Jackson County, we can address the housing crisis while strengthening our local economy to build a more resilient community.

Sincerely,

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February 6, 2024

ATTN: FloridaCommerce RE: Florida Job Growth Grant

#### **Jackson County BOCC Letter of Support**

Mr. Mueller,

I am writing to express my strong support for Jackson County's application for the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund. This grant is indispensable in tackling the urgent need for workforce housing development in Jackson County, a need that has become even more pronounced in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

Our community is grappling with a shortage of affordable housing, posing a significant challenge for working families and individuals looking for suitable homes. The need for workforce housing options has impeded economic growth, strained local businesses, and tested our community's resilience. It is our firm belief that targeted investment in workforce housing is paramount to overcoming this challenge and fostering sustainable development.

Jackson County's utilization of this funding for workforce housing development will play a pivotal role in addressing these issues. Additional housing for our area is envisioned to bring stability, enhance the quality of life, and contribute significantly to the overall well-being of our community.

Accessible housing will enable workers to live closer to their workplaces, reducing commute times and boosting productivity. A reliable labor pool will, in turn, benefit local businesses. The availability of affordable housing contributes to community cohesion, attracts new residents, and encourages sustained, long-term investment.

We deeply appreciate your commitment to fostering economic growth and job creation in Florida. With this partnership, we can effectively address the housing crisis, fortify our local economy, and build a more resilient community. Thank you for your dedicated attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Kelsi Jackson

Executive Director, Tourist Development Council, JCBOCC

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**February 7, 2024** 

Florida Department of Commerce Governor's Job Growth Grant

#### **To Whom It May Concern:**

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working collaboratively to secure funding that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents.

Sincerely,

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February 7, 2024

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Dear Mr. Mueller,

I am writing to express my strong support for Jackson County's application for the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund. The grant would have a tremendous impact on the ability of Jackson County to address the critical need for the creation of workforce housing in a fiscally constrained county that is also part a Rural Area of Opportunity as designated by the Governor.

Jackson County lost a significant amount of workforce housing due to Hurricane Michael, and that housing has not been replaced. It has grown increasingly difficult for working families and individuals to find affordable homes in the area. Jackson County is one of a small number of counties in Florida that lost population over the last census period, and a significant reason for this population loss is the lack of workforce housing.

In addition to population loss, the lack of workforce housing options has impeded the ability of the county to grow new jobs, made it harder for employers to fill existing jobs, and otherwise served as a hindrance to economic growth and community resilience. According to numbers from Florida Commerce from 2017 to 2022, Jackson County lost 1,778 working-age residents. As an organization on the front line of employment in the county, we firmly believe much of this loss is due to a lack of workforce housing.

The economic impact of increased workforce housing in the county would be widespread across much of the Rural Area of Opportunity. The impact of funding the grant would be to improve the stability of the local labor force, increase the ability of the county to retain jobs, recruit new employers, and improve the overall economic health of Jackson County and surrounding areas. Jackson County will utilize the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund to develop workforce housing in the county. These housing units will provide stability, improve quality of life, and contribute to our community's overall well-being.





We appreciate your commitment to economic growth and job creation in Florida. By allocating a portion of the Governor's Job Growth Grant Fund to workforce housing development in Jackson County, we can address the housing crisis, strengthen our local economy, and build a more resilient community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working collaboratively to secure funding that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents.

Sincerely,

Richard Williams
Executive Director