



## **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: Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners

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 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.

I-75/County Road 136 Water Plant

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B. Is this infrastructure owned by the public?

Yes       No

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

Yes       No

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

Yes       No

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

Water Supply and fire protection is a critical Element for revitalization and Economic growth at this critical Interchange. In fact manufacturing Job losses have been documented at this interchange due to lack of water and sewer availability. Recently a Carrot processing facility moved to a Georgia interchange due to lack of infrastructure at the I-75/ CR 136 interchange. Water Supply and fire protection at this interchange will advance Economic activity within 3 counties (Suwannee, Columbia and Hamilton). The water supply system is critical to advancing economic activity such as Logistics and Distribution, Building Component Design and Manufacturing, retail and additional hotels.

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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.

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The intersection of Interstate 75 and Hwy 136 is the exit to Live Oak, Florida and White Springs, Florida. This intersection is 36 miles south of the Florida-Georgia line. The uniqueness of this location is it's strong point. Exit 439 is 60 miles West of Jacksonville, 80 miles East of Tallahassee, 50 miles North of Gainesville and only 4 miles from one of the best North,South, East,West intersections in the country. Located just south of the famed Suwannee River and just west of the Stephen Foster Memorial State Park. This area of Florida is home to many outdoor activities to include: canoeing, kayaking, diving, fishing,skiing, hunting, as well as one of the premier farming locations in the state and nation.

Every year over 110 million people come to Florida for tourism. Approximately 80 million of these tourists pass underneath the overpass at this intersection not knowing what they are missing. The reason for this is NO INFRASTRUCTURE.



**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.

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

I-75/ County Road 136, White Springs Exist

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

Federal  State  County  City  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Water Management and DEP permits

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?

No permits have been acquired, but regulatory agencies (DEP & SRWMD) are aware of this need and permitting can be this need and permitting can be acquired within 6 months. All local permits will be proritized for this interchange.

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?

"Employment Center" , yes



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

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

Yes       No

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J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes       No

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

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

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### 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	\$ 2,850,000.00
Reconstruction	\$ _____
Design & Engineering	\$ 325,000.00
Land Acquisition	\$ _____
Land Improvement	\$ 100,000.00
Other	\$ _____
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$ 3,275,000.00</b>

Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:**

City/County	\$ _____
Private Sources	\$ _____
Other (grants, etc.)	\$ 150,000.00
<b>Total Other Funding</b>	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>

Please Specify: SRWMD Land acquisition

**Total Amount Requested** \$ 3,425,000.00

**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.**

Preliminary design and Permitting Funds Award	6 months Following
Final Plans and specifications Funds Award	2 months Following
Bidding contractor selection Funds Award	14 months Following
Construction completion Following Funds Award	18 to 24 Months





#### 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)?

The Board approved proposal and grant agreement subject to award on July 17, 2017 authorizing Chairman to sign grant agreement if awarded.

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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.

N/A

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

Yes, not necessary.

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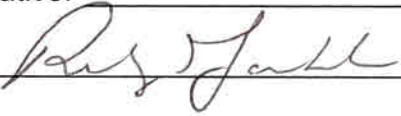
- C. Attach evidence that the undersigned has all necessary authority to execute this proposal on behalf of the governmental entity. This evidence may take a variety of forms, including but not limited to: a delegation of authority, citation to relevant laws or codes, policy documents, etc.



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

Name of Governmental Entity: Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Ricky Gamble, Chair

Representative Signature: 

Signature Date: 7/17/2017

1-75 / CR 136 WATER PLANT



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**The seventh item on the agenda** was to approve Amendment #1 to Supplemental Agreement #15 with AECOM for design services for the West Apron Expansion at the Suwannee County Airport. Funded by FDOT. **(Agreement No. 2014-44-15-01)**

**The eighth item on the agenda** was to authorize submission of grant proposal(s) to Enterprise Florida and the Florida Department of Transportation for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund.

This item was pulled for discussion.

**The ninth item on the agenda** was to authorize submitting an application for a Technical Assistance Grant, Bureau of Community Planning and Growth, FY 2017-18.

**The tenth item on the agenda** was to authorize constructing a new entry into the Falmouth Collection site utilizing Solid Waste Collection contingency.

This item was pulled from the agenda for discussion at a later date.

**Commissioner Richardson moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 2-7 and 9. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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Chairman Gamble noted specific projects and that the supplement was to add them to the Capital Improvement Plan, as well as allowing the Chairman to sign any necessary documents.

**Commissioner Sessions moved to authorize submission of grant proposal(s) to Enterprise Florida and the Florida Department of Transportation for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund. Commissioner Hale seconded. Upon the recommendation of County**

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**Administrator Harris and County Attorney Prevatt, Commissioner Sessions amended his motion to include adding the projects to the Capital Improvement Plan and authorizing the chairman to sign any necessary documents. Commissioner Hale seconded, and the amended motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS:**

There were none.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS:**

There were none.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**The eleventh item on the agenda** was Staff Reports.

Randy Harris, Public Works Director/County Administrator, discussed that 29<sup>th</sup> Road bids would be opened soon and discussed at the first August meeting. He also discussed a safety program and several other road projects, including work on Padlock Road and County Road 136. County Administrator Harris discussed the possibility of funding for the western portion of CR 136 within the Live Oak city limits. He also mentioned the need for funding to replace several bridges, including the one on 164<sup>th</sup> Street.

Commissioner Fleming asked about lighting improvements on US 129 at the Interstate I-10 interchange. County Administrator Harris replied that the work was underway.