



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: City of Stuart

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.

Revitalize East Ocean Blvd corridor to open access to Life Sciences.

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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.

Revitalization of East Ocean Blvd Corridor- The redevelopment strategy for this area is to expand the medical facilities that exist in close proximity from this corridor. The redesign of East Ocean Blvd has the potential to regenerate this entire area and create strong links with retail and restaurant uses along Ocean Boulevard and the Downtown as a whole. The development may then also be a catalyst for change in terms of economic regeneration within the East Ocean area of the City's CRA.

The City of Stuart plans to design a complete street for this corridor with protected bike lanes, see attached the rendering to better illustrate this concept.

In addition, the redesign of the East Ocean Blvd corridor will contribute to the quality of life;serve the common good;contribute to a thriving and bustling downtown; adds to commercial diversity; and generates private sector interest.

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.

Martin County FL is located at the epicenter of one of the state's fastest-growing clusters for life science enterprise and research. The revitalization of this corridor will provide opportunity for a variety of medical services as it relates to the life sciences industry.

This economic enhancement will increase opportunities for professional services by accommodating major employers within close proximity to the Downtown area of the City; create a complete streets environment for improved mobility for all users in the community; continue to build upon the transportation grid of the City; and lastly enhance and compliment the many redevelopment projects throughout the City of Stuart.

Martin Health System ranks among the top 10 percent of hospitals nationally and has been named six times to Thomson Reuters Top 100 Hospitals and also as one of the Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals. In 2015, professional services made up 9% of employment in Martin County. Most jobs identified within the medical services industry will range from \$23,000 to \$220,000.

The metrics used to measure a successful economic impact would be the number of jobs retained and created along this corridor. In addition, property values increase, increase in business permits due to the opening of new businesses along the corridor along with additional ad valorem to the City.



2. Additional Information:

A. Is this project an expansion of an existing infrastructure project?

Yes No

B. Provide the proposed commencement date and number of days required to complete construction of the public infrastructure project.

Commencement date upon grant award. Proposed completion 120 days.

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

These are city roads. There is no road numbers.

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?

Yes. The City of Stuart will pull permits internally via the Building/Development Dept.

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?

Upon award of FL Job Growth Fund, the City Manager's office will obtain the appropriate permits for the proposed projects internally from the Building Department.

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?

The East Ocean Blvd Corridor is in the following Zoning District:
Low Density Residential; Multi-family Residential; Office/Residential
Commercial; Public; Institutional and Recreation.



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

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

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

Yes No

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

J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes No

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

The Community Redevelopment Agency will commit up to \$50,000.

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

Zoning Map attached.



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	\$ 2,700,000.00
Reconstruction	\$ _____
Design & Engineering	\$ 300,000.00
Land Acquisition	\$ _____
Land Improvement	\$ _____

Other	\$ _____	Please Specify: _____
Total Project Costs	\$ 3,000,000.00	

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County	\$ 50,000.00
Private Sources	\$ _____

Other (grants, etc.)	\$ _____	Please Specify: _____
Total Other Funding	\$ _____	

Total Amount Requested \$ 2,950,000.00

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.

Construction Costs = \$2,700,000.00
 Streetscape Costs = \$1,350,000.00
 Parking/Facilities = \$1,350,000.00

Costs for Design and Engineering = \$300,000.00

TOTAL COSTS: \$3,000,000.00



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)?

Commission Action.

- 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.

Nov 13, 27th; Dec 11th; Jan 8, 22nd; Feb 12, 26th; Mar 12, 26th; Apr 9, 23rd.

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

A special meeting can occur within 5-7 days business days.

- 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: City of Stuart

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Dave Ross, City Manager

Representative Signature: Print, sign, scan and attach with form submission.

Signature Date:  11/1/17