



**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.

Dixie Highway Marine Corridor Improvements.

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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.

Dixie Highway Marine Corridor Improvements - This is a wide area of Right of Way with the potential to accommodate on street parking in areas. The proposed changes are as follows: Create on street parking to provide an option for visitors to park and walk /cycle into Historic Downtown Stuart; Improve pedestrian flow with incorporation of street signage, street furniture and improved landscaping; Provide a clearly defined entrance point to Historic Downtown Stuart through signage and clever streetscaping; Encourage commercial and restaurant activity to expand out of Downtown Stuart to the northern area of the CRA, utilizing the proposed improved pedestrian links, proposed on street parking and the proposed more well defined link to the central areas of Stuart.

The redesign of the North Dixie Highway 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.

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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.

Stuart is home to a \$227 million maritime economy that supports more than 5,000 jobs, Martin County FL is an ideal location for marine-based companies. Improving Dixie Highway Corridor will increase the areas role as a marine oriented center on lands east, west and immediately north of the bridge. Lastly, this improvement will entice investors and local businesses to continue to accommodate marinas, hotels and water-orientated development. Martin County has strong boat-building & related businesses; abundant water access and waterfront sites; affordable and experienced maritime workforce; specialized marine job training programs; and superior access to key maritime markets.

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Based on the DEO Cluster Map of 2015, jobs relevant to the marine industry are just under 3% in Martin County. Most marine jobs range between \$48,000 and \$65,000.

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.



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 North Dixie Highway is a Marine Industrial land use combined with the following zoning categories:

Residential, Commercial, Public Service and Mixed Use



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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

See attached Zoning Map.

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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	\$ 3,900,000.00	
Reconstruction	\$	
Design & Engineering	\$ 450,000.00	
Land Acquisition	\$	
Land Improvement	\$	
Other	\$	Please Specify: _____
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$ 4,350,000.00</b>	

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

City/County	\$ 50,000.00	
Private Sources	\$	
Other (grants, etc.)	\$	Please Specify: _____
<b>Total Other Funding</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>	
<b>Total Amount Requested</b>	<b>\$ 4,300,000.00</b>	

**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 = \$3,900,000.00  
 Streetscape Costs = \$1,950,000.00  
 Parking/Facilities = \$1,950,000.00

Costs for Design and Engineering = \$450,000.00

TOTAL COSTS: \$4,350,000.00



#### 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.

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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.

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

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- 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.

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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: 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:  11-17