



**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: The City of Laurel Hill

Government Federal Employer Identification Number: [REDACTED]

Contact Information:

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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.

Steel Mill Creek Roadway Improvements - The proposed project includes the repair and resurfacing of a heavily traveled roadway located within the City of Laurel Hill.

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.

Investments in roadway improvements can facilitate economic growth. Infrastructure improvements give the City of Laurel Hill the opportunity to diversify local industries and capitalize on economic expansion. The ability to access markets is an important factor related to the types of industries an area may attract. In Laurel Hill, access to these markets is constrained, as Laurel Hill is located farther than surrounding communities to highway interchanges. The poor quality of highway access limits the City's ability to attract industries that require immediate highway access, such as truck-based distributors. Roadway improvements are necessary to sustain the local businesses as well as any potential growth.

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.

There is a critical linkage between transportation and economic vitality. The State of Florida is the seventh-largest export state in the U.S with a total of \$82 billion in exported goods and services for 2016. Employment in Transportation and Material Moving Occupations account for 6% of total employment in Florida. Currently, the City of Laurel Hill is not able to take advantage of the employment opportunities in the transportation or material moving industry because of the deteriorating condition of road infrastructure. If the roadways were improved, the City of Laurel Hill has an opportunity to capture a portion of the revenue and employment that currently circumvents their community.

The proposed upgrades will not only bring in revenue from a targeted industry but it will also bring growth and economic recovery within the community. Upgraded infrastructure will entice local development. Laurel Hill has the potential for rapid growth because a large majority of the area is undeveloped. Companies are looking at the quality of a City's transportation system when deciding where to re-locate or expand. Areas with congested or poorly maintained roads will see businesses relocated to areas with smoother, more efficient transportation systems. The proposed improvements will bring economic recovery to a community that is critical to the health of Laurel Hills economy.



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.

A detailed timeline is attached.

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

Steel Mill Creek Road

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?

FDOT Driveway Connection Permit

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?

The FDOT and FDEP permit is typically a 4 week approval process. Once project design has been completed the required permit will be applied for and secured.

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 proposed improvements will be constructed within the existing right-of-way. All improvements will conform to existing land use and zoning designations.



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

Once funding has been secured design, permitting, and construction will commence.

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 is a certified REDI

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

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Please refer to the attached documents in addition to this grant application.



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	<u>\$ 900,000.00</u>
Reconstruction	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Design & Engineering	<u>\$ 165,000.00</u>
Land Acquisition	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Land Improvement	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Other	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Project Costs	<u>\$ 1,065,000.00</u>

Please Specify: _____

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Private Sources	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Other (grants, etc.)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Other Funding	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Please Specify: _____

Total Amount Requested **\$ 1,065,000.00**

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 are estimated to total \$900,000.00. The design & engineering fee includes surveying (\$30,000.00), design (\$90,000.00), and construction engineer inspection (\$45,000.00). A detailed timeline that outlines all of the steps necessary to complete the project if funding were secured is attached.



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)?

Approval from the council of the City of Laurel Hill must be obtained before a grant agreement can be executed.

- 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.

Meeting dates: 10/5/2017, 11/2/2017, 12/7/2017, 1/4/2018, 2/1/2018, 3/1/2018

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

The City Council has the ability to hold special meetings with 14 days notice.

- 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: The City of Laurel Hill

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Robby Adams, Mayor

Representative Signature: *Robby Adams*

Signature Date: 10/12/12