



## 2021-2022 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Public Infrastructure Grant Proposal

Proposal Instructions: Please read this document carefully and provide the information requested below. Some questions may request that a separate narrative be completed. If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.

### Governmental Entity Information

Name of Governmental Entity: Hendry 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 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:

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

Each proposal must include the following information describing how the project satisfies eligibility requirements listed on page 1.

- A.** Provide a detailed description of the public infrastructure improvements.

See attached

- B.** Provide location of public infrastructure, including physical address and county of project.

US27/SR80 corridor in Hendry County, FL north west of the City of Clewiston. Airglades Airport is located at 1090 Airglades Blvd Clewiston FL 33440

- C.** Is this infrastructure currently owned by the public?

Yes

No

If no, is there a current option to purchase or right of way provided to the County?

Yes, the infrastructure will be owned by Hendry County

- D.** Provide current property owner.

Hendry County has worked with the 8 property owners to secure private property easements for the underground infrastructure.

- E.** Is this infrastructure for public use or does it predominately benefit the public?

Yes

No

This infrastructure is for public use and will benefit the public by decommissioning the existing WWTP at Airglades Airport and providing additional capacity at Airglades Airport for new development and providing for development opportunities along the US27/SR80 corridor that can connect to central sewer instead of being on septic systems.

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

Yes

No

- G.** 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.](#))
    - Describe how the project will promote specific job growth. Include the number of jobs that will be retained or created, and in which industry(ies) the new net jobs will be created using the North American Industry Classification System ([NAICS](#)) codes. Where applicable, you may list specific businesses that will retain or create jobs or make capital investment.
    - 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.

See attached

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## 2. Additional Information:

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

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

The County has executed a contract for the first phase of construction and its estimated completion date is August 1, 2022. Construction timeframe is 18-months for the remainder of the force main.

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- B.** What permits are necessary for the public infrastructure project?

The FDEP has issued a permit for the force main. The FDEP will need to issue a permit for the decommissioning of the WWTP at Airglades Airport, but this will not occur until the force main has been constructed and is operational. A permit from the local drainage district is required for a canal crossing.

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- C. 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 FDEP has issued the permit for the force main. The FDEP permit for the decommissioning of the WWTP at Airglades Airport will not occur until the force main is operational. This FDEP permit process to decommission the WWTP should take 30-days. The County needs to obtain a permit from the local drainage district for a canal crossing which should no more than 45-days to obtain.

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- D. 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?

Multi-use, agriculture, industrial, residential and commercial. This improvement would be considered an essential public utility. Essential public utilities within Hendry County are permitted by right in all land use categories and zoning categories.

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- E. 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

A-2 and Multi use Development allow essential infrastructure as a permitted use by right.

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

Yes  No

Final permitting

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- G. 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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- H. Provide any additional information or attachments to be considered for this proposal. Maps and other supporting documents are encouraged.

Construction of the first phase of the force main should be completed by August 1, 2022.

See Answers attached for the following

1 A, 1G, 3C

Letter of Delegation

2 Maps of Forcemain site

HC Grants Administration Manual

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### 3. Program Budget

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

**Estimated Costs and Sources of Funding:** Include all applicable public infrastructure costs and other funding sources available to support the proposal.

**1.) Total Amount Requested**      \$ 1,800,000.00  
 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

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

City/County                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Private Sources                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other (grants, etc.)                      \$ 3,600,000.00

**Total Other Funding**                      \$ 3,600,000.00

Please Specify: State Appropriations

**B. Public Infrastructure Project Costs:**

Construction                      \$ 4,800,000.00

Reconstruction                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Design & Engineering                      \$ 600,000.00

Land Acquisition                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Land Improvement                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Costs**                      \$ 5,400,000.00

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

**Note:** The total amount requested must be calculated by subtracting the total other public infrastructure project funding sources in A. from the total public infrastructure project costs in B.

- C.** Provide a detailed budget narrative, including the timing and steps necessary to obtain the funding and any other pertinent budget-related information.

This project is divided into (7) phases. Phase 1 begins at the City of Clewiston Waste water Treatment Plant and runs west. Phases 2-7 will run north, and then west along the US27/SR80 corridor to Airglades Blvd, then south to the Airglades Industrial Park waste water treatment package plant. The total project cost is \$5,400,000.00. See attached budget break down and estimated time frame of each phase that was required for completion.

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#### 4. Approvals and Authority

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

- 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)?

Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will have to approve the award before it can be signed.

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If board authorization is not required, who is authorized to sign?

Jennifer Davis, County Administrator or  
Tammam Hammer Grants and Specials Projects Coordinator with letter of delegation

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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.
- ii. State whether entity is willing and able to hold special meetings, and if so, upon how many days' notice.

The BOCC meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. November, December, June and July have only one scheduled meeting each month.

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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.

Hendry County Grants Administration Manual Approved by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on April 10, 2018 states on page 6 (see attached)  
Letter of delegation See attached

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I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have express authority to sign this proposal on behalf of the above-described entity and to the best of my knowledge, that all data and information submitted in proposal is truthful and accurate and no material fact has been omitted.

Name of Governmental Entity: Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Tammar Hammer Grants and Special Projects Coordinator

Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date: October 18,2021