



## **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: Leon County Research and Development Authority

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.

See attachment 1

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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.

See attachment 1

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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.

The region in and around Leon County is heavily concentrated in State Government employment. The proposed projects would promote economic diversification of the region by enhancing the ability to develop, retain, and recruit businesses focused on the technologies researched and developed in the Park. Many of these areas are included in and would enhance the Targeted Industries such as material sciences, nanotechnology, medical devices/diagnostic devices, energy equipment/energy storage, infotech/modeling & simulation, software, aviation/aeropropulsion just to name a few. A list of organizations and their areas of research is included in Attachment 6.

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In 2014 and prior to the expansion of Danfoss described in question 1E, and with almost 40% of its develop-able acreage ready to be developed, an economic impact study of Innovation Park, conducted by the FSU Center for Economic Analysis (Attachment 13), concluded that the park's economic impact included total annual output of \$500 million dollars, \$181 million of Income, and 3,323 total jobs. On a per acre basis, this extrapolates to an economic development potential of over \$300 million and 2,200 jobs. The study also predicted that the addition of a wet lab business incubator would add a total of 250 jobs, total annual output of \$40 million, and \$14 million in income. It is impractical if not impossible to determine exactly which jobs will be created for which NAICS job codes, but it is most likely that the jobs will be high paying technology-related jobs given the focus on commercializing new technologies. Further, the businesses to be attracted to the research park should be similarly connected to the technology being researched in the Park. Using Danfoss as an example, the jobs it is creating are almost double the county average wage level. Finally, all of the proposed projects involve construction which will quickly stimulate economic activity and job creation.

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## 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.

See attachment 2

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

See attachment 2

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

Federal  State  County  City  Other LCRDA

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

See attachment 2

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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?

See attachment 2

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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?

See attachment 2

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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

Some portions yes, some no--see attachment 2

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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.

See attachments 1-14

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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	<u>\$ 9,505,000</u>		
Reconstruction	<u>\$ 1,501,250</u>		
Design & Engineering	<u>\$ 375,062</u>		
Land Acquisition	<u>\$ 0</u>		
Land Improvement	<u>\$ 562.854</u>		
Other	<u>\$ 1,861,110</u>	Please Specify:	<u>see attach 3</u>
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,805,276</u></b>		

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

City/County	<u>\$ 0</u>		
Private Sources	<u>\$ 0</u>		
Other (grants, etc.)	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>	Please Specify:	<u>see attach 3</u>
<b>Total Other Funding</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,000,000</u></b>		

**Total Amount Requested** \$ 11,805,276

**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.

See attachment 3 for program budget by project and budget narrative.

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#### 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 of the Leon County Research and Development Board of Governors

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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.

October 5, 2017; December 7, 2017; February 1, 2018

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

The Board may hold a special meeting upon 72 hours advance notice

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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: Leon County Research & Development Authority

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Ronald J. Miller, Jr., Executive Director

Representative Signature: Signature page attached

Signature Date: 08/11/2017