

## 2019-2020 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. If additional space is needed, attach a word document with your entire answer.

### Governmental Entity Information

Name of Governmental Entity: City of North Port

Government Federal Employer Identification Number 59-6072227

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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.**

Please see attached.

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

The public infrastructure will be located in the right of way from approximately 4995 Hansard Avenue north on North Sumter Boulevard to Kalish Avenue in the City of North Port, Sarasota County.

**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?

**D. Provide current property owner.**

City of North Port.

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

☐ No

This project is for public use and will benefit the public.

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

☒ No

In addition to the service to land at the I-75 and Sumter interchange, the installation of the infrastructure will also allow the opportunity for future residential utility service connection.

**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.

Please 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 proposed commencement date is October 1, 2019 but can begin sooner if a contract is awarded sooner. Procurement would take approximately 120 days and construction would take 365 days.

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

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) General Permit, Florida Department of Health (DOH) General Permit and Environmental Resource Permit.

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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?

Please see attached.

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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?

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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

An amendment to the local comprehensive plan or a development order will not be required.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes. Understanding the limitations of not having utility services available for incoming development, in 2014, the City contracted with an engineer to design the project and obtain the necessary permits. The construction bid phase would immediately commence upon approval of grant funds.

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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.

Please see attached.

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

Please see attached.

### 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**      \$ 2,842,410 \_\_\_\_\_  
     Florida Job Growth Grant Fund

**A. Other Workforce Training Project Funding Sources:**

City/County      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Private Sources      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other (grants, etc.)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Total Other Funding**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Construction      \$ 2,842,410 \_\_\_\_\_

Reconstruction      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Design & Engineering      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Land Acquisition      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Land Improvement      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Total Project Costs**      \$ 2,842,410 \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The total amount requested must equal the difference between the workforce training project costs in 3. and the other Public infrastructure project funding sources in 2.

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

Please see attached.

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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)?

If awarded, the grant agreement will be reviewed by legal. The City obtained permission to execute the grant contract, if awarded, at the September 10, 2019 Commission Meeting.

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

The City Manager is authorized to sign the grant agreement.

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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.

Commission approval has been obtained.

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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.

The agenda information from the September 10, 2019 Commission Meeting is 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: City of North Port

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Christopher Hanks, Mayor

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

Signature Date: July 11, 2019