



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: School District of Indian River
County

Government Federal Employer Identification Number: ██████████

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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.

The title of the project is the Expansion of the Technical Center for Career and Adult Education. The Technical Center is a public, non-profit, post-secondary institution. The infrastructure improvements will include the relocation of the school and the addition of two classroom buildings. One building will house industrial workforce training programs to include Welding and Building Construction Technologies. The other building will house workforce training programs Surgical Technology, Network Support Services, and Early Childhood Education.

- 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.

The expansion of the Technical Center will provide needed workforce training programs in Indian River County. Currently, the Technical Center is the only provider of workforce training in the county. The school is limited in its program offerings due to limited space on the campus. As part of the infrastructure project, the Technical Center will relocate to the Alternative Center for Education which is located in Gifford. The relocation and addition of classroom buildings and labs will allow for expansion of programs which include dual enrollment programs for high school students. This project will help to provide a local skilled workforce meeting the needs of local businesses, create new career pathways for high school students, and help the underemployed obtain the skills necessary to earn a living wage.



Furthermore, the location and expansion of the Technical Center is beneficial to the local community as residents have to travel out of the county to obtain workforce training. The location is centrally located in the county and will provide educational opportunities in an area that is made up of predominately low income and underemployed or unskilled residents.

- 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.](#))
 - o 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.
 - o 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 Technical Center for Career and Adult Education is a public, non-profit, post-secondary institution. The school promotes economic diversity by serving students of all ages, race, and economic class. The School District works closely with CareerSource Research Coast, the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses/employers to ensure that is is offering rigorous and relevant workforce training programs that meet the needs of the region. The School District has created a Career and Technical Education Steering Committee which has consistently voiced a need for additional training programs in the county.

This project will help to promote job growth in the Manufacturing and Construction sectors as welders are currently in demand in both areas. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Construction of Buildings is ranked #2 for fastest growing industry between 2016-2024, with several construction occupations gaining the most new jobs. This solidifies the need for expanded workforce training opportunities in this field. The applicable NAICS codes are 23 for both sectors and 33 for the welding sector. Each occupational field encompasses several sub-sectors, and industries.



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.

The project is expected to begin in August 2017 with completion in August of 2018.

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

4680 28th Court, Vero Beach, FL 32967

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

Federal State County City Other _____

School District of Indian River

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

School District of Indian River County Building Department

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?

No, the permits have not been secured. Once drawings are finalized they will be submitted to building department and will take 30 days to be approved.

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 current land use zoned school use and is owned by the School District of Indian River. This will remain in place and the infrastructure improvements conform to school use and school requirements for educational facilities per Department of Education in Florida.



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

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

Yes No

J. Does this project have a local match amount?

Yes No

If yes, please describe the entity providing the match and the amount.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$3,900,000 to \$4,585,000. The School District of Indian River has set aside \$1,835,000 to help fund the overall cost of the project. School District personnel from several departments have been working on the planning and design of this project for the last year.

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

Attached please find conceptual drawings of the school site with the additional buildings, and letters of support from Career Source Research Coast and Indian River County Chamber of Commerce.



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	\$		
3,875,000			
Reconstruction	\$ 0		
Design & Engineering	\$ 350,000		
Land Acquisition	\$ 0		
Land Improvement	\$		
Other	\$ 360,000		Please Specify: _____
Total Project Costs	\$ 4,585,000		

B. Other Public Infrastructure Project Funding Sources:

City/County	\$ 1,835,000		
Private Sources	\$		
Other (grants, etc.)	\$		Please Specify: _____
Total Other Funding	\$		
1,835,000			
Total Amount Requested	\$ 2,750,000		

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.

The School District's current budget allowance for the Technical Center' expansion totals \$1,835,000 which is a combination of workforce funds totaling \$1,510,000 and capital funds of \$325,000. However, with the limited budget the School District would not be able to move forward with the entire expansion project totaling an estimated of \$4,585,000. Phase I of the project can be accomplished with current budget



allowance, but Phase II is not funded. Phase II of the project has been deemed necessary in order to meet local demand and public needs. The School District will require an additional \$2,750,000 in order to move forward with the entire project as identified in this application.



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 by the School Board of Indian River.

- 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.

7/25/2017, 8/08/2017, 08/22/2017, 09/12/2017, 09/26/2017, 10/10/2017,
10/24/2017, 11/21/2017, 12/12/2017.

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

Yes, seven days notice for a special meeting.

- 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: School District of Indian River County

Name and Title of Authorized Representative: Dr. Mark Rendell

Representative Signature: Mark Rendell

Signature Date: 07/28/2017