

December 15, 2023

Matthew Cretul
Legislative Manager
Marion County Board of County Commissioners
601 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471

Subject: Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Proposal

Dear Mr. Cretul:

Thank you for submitting a proposal to the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund.

The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) has reviewed the Marion County Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) proposal and is considering an award of up to \$4,746,307. FloridaCommerce's consideration of the project is based on your proposal and associated documents, and the following assumptions:

1. Compliance with all applicable laws and regulations including section 288.101, Florida Statutes;
2. Providing measurable economic benefits to the state as specified in your proposal and as agreed to with FloridaCommerce; and
3. Acknowledging the attached terms and conditions.

Receipt of funds is contingent upon Marion County BOCC entering into a grant agreement with FloridaCommerce. The grant agreement will be the product of negotiation and will specify the obligations to be met for payment of the funds. Please be aware that FloridaCommerce may end consideration of your proposal at any time in its sole discretion. Additionally, FloridaCommerce may end consideration of your proposal if a grant agreement is not fully executed within 60 days of your organization's acknowledgement of this letter. As such, Marion County BOCC must negotiate in good faith during this timeframe.

Based on your proposal, you committed to ensuring the creation of 2,086 jobs. This commitment will form a basis for your award, will be incorporated into your agreement with FloridaCommerce, and is material to the award and the agreement.

Please note that this letter does not constitute an offer or agreement to grant your organization any funding or to enter into an agreement with respect to any funding, nor does this letter constitute a binding commitment on the part of either FloridaCommerce or the State of Florida. Accordingly, nothing express or implied in this letter gives any person or entity any legal or equitable rights. As such, Marion County BOCC must refrain from making any public announcement with respect to this matter unless such an announcement has been coordinated with and approved by FloridaCommerce.

In order to ensure timely payments, recipients of state funds must understand and comply with all grant requirements and applicable laws and rules, including the payment requirements of the Florida Department of Financial Services.

If the contents of this letter and the attached terms and conditions are acceptable, please have a representative of your organization with the appropriate authority sign the below acknowledgment within five business days. If applicable, please also supply a letter of assurance from the entity or entities providing the local match outlined in your proposal.

I have read and acknowledge the contents of this letter and the attached terms and conditions. My organization is able to agree to the attached terms and conditions and will work in good faith to execute a grant agreement within 60 days of the date of my signature. I further acknowledge that this letter does not constitute an offer, does not bind FloridaCommerce or the State of Florida, and does not guarantee that the project in my organization's proposal will receive funding.



Signature

Mounir Bouyanes
Printed Name

County Administrator
Title

12-18-23
Date