



*Employment Sites Program (ESP)*  
**for Public Infrastructure**

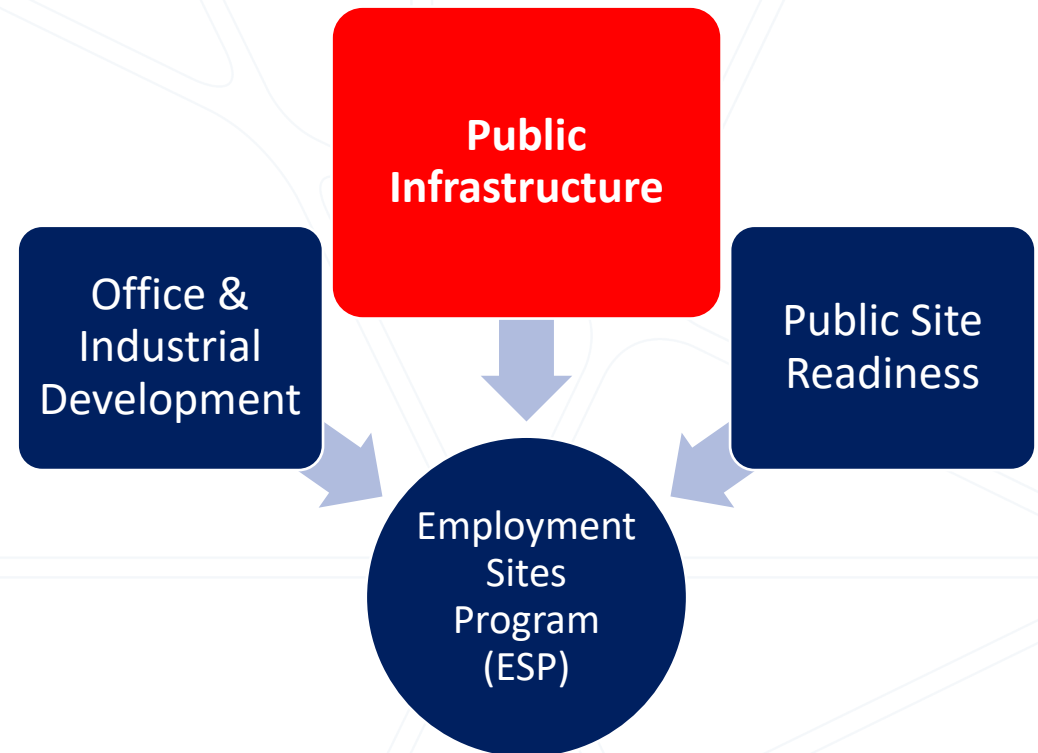
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**May 16, 2024**

# Employment Sites Program (ESP) Background

- Pinellas County voters approved the Penny IV referendum in 2017
  - 4.15% of Penny IV funds (\$93 million) dedicated to ESP
- 3 Overall ESP Categories/Buckets
  - Focus for this effort is on infrastructure projects for **targeted industry growth**



# Employment Sites Program (ESP) Introduction



Six funding rounds have been completed for the first Category that deals with Office & Industrial Development. To date the County has committed \$25,875,618 in funding with Round six applications having an additional \$11,922,908 to be considered.

# Eligible Public Infrastructure Projects



## TRANSPORTATION

Roadways, Transit, Intersection Improvements



## ENERGY

Undergrounding, Energy Infrastructure Enhancement



## WATER/WASTEWATER/STORMWATER

Sewer System Enhancements, Stormwater Capacity, Resilient Infrastructure Hardening



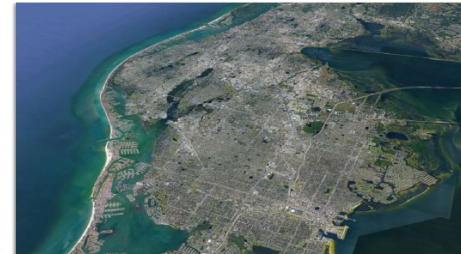
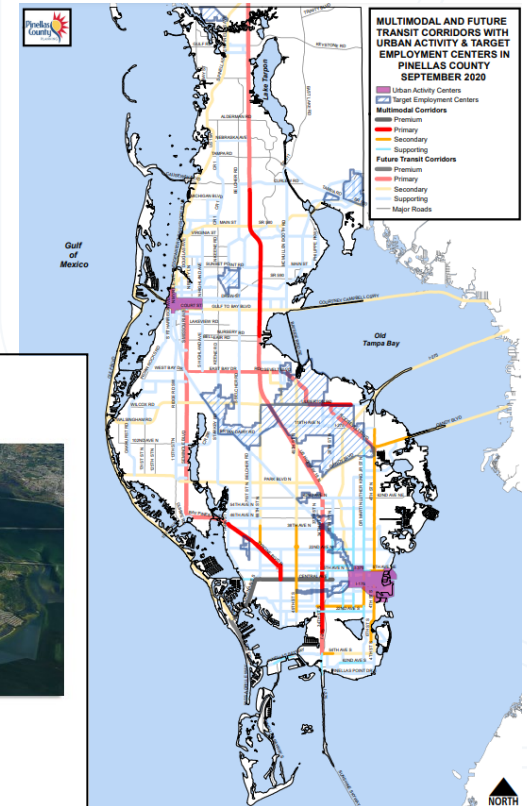
## INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Improved Broadband, Fiber Infrastructure, Small Cell Technology

- Publicly led projects that benefit multiple development sites or multiple target employment industry companies
- Provide grant funding for public infrastructure projects for target industry growth

# Project Criteria Assessment

- Jobs and Employment
  - Target Industry businesses
  - Target Industry employees
- Feasibility
  - Funding
  - Timing
- Location
- Support



PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
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Effective December 10, 2019

# Timing and Next Steps


- Municipality and County Stakeholder Meetings (January – March 2024)
- Draft Criteria and Application (April 2024)
- BOCC Review of Category Program (May 2024)
- Call for Applications (Summer 2024)
- Pinellas County Economic Development Staff Review (Fall 2024)
- Applications Presented to Board of County Commission (Winter 2024)
- Awards Announced (Winter 2024)

<b>Program Overview</b>	Case Id: 45381
Example Application 11/2022	Name:
	Address:

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**Program Overview**

Please provide the following information.



Pinellas County  
Employment  
Sites Program  
ESP for New  
Construction  
Application

**Program Overview**

This application is for the Employment Sites Program that assists qualified developers with gap funding for new construction, expansion and/or rehabilitation of office and industrial buildings. Please complete and submit the first page of this application. Once Pinellas County staff has verified that your organization has participated in a pre-application meeting, you will receive notification to continue with the rest of the application. For more on the program including the Program Guidelines, a sample application, and a process overview visit [PCED.org/ESP](https://www.pced.org/ESP).

**A pre-application meeting with Economic Development staff is required for all applicants seeking assistance from the Pinellas County Employment Sites Program. If you have not participated in a meeting, please visit [PCED.org/ESP](https://www.pced.org/ESP) to schedule a meeting with staff.**

Project funding approval is at the sole discretion of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. Applicants seeking funds for a New Construction, Expansion, and/or Rehabilitation of Office and Industrial Buildings Project must complete the following application. All attachments and the application are subject to Florida Sunshine regulations and therefore are available to the public.

# Thank you for your time!

Questions?