

**Community Partnership Documentation, City of Lake Worth Beach's DOE GRIP grant, Topic 2**

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February 8, 2023

ATTN: Ms. Carmen Y. Davis, City Manager City Manager's Office  
City of Lake Worth Beach  
7 North Dixie Highway  
Lake Worth Beach, Florida 33460

RE: City of Lake Worth Beach U.S. Department of Energy Grid Resiliency and Innovation  
Partnership (GRIP) Program Grid Resilience and Smart Grid Grant Programs

Dear Ms. Davis:

DeVry University (DeVry) is pleased to offer this letter of partnership in support of the City of Lake Worth Beach (City) electric utility grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy for Grid Resilience and Smart Grid Grant program funding. GRIP funding made available through this grant opportunity will enable the City to innovate grid flexibility and improve the resilience of the power system's electrical grid through major infrastructure upgrades against growing threats of extreme weather and climate change, while also creating jobs and other community benefits and impacts.

For more than 90 years, DeVry has delivered training and educational certificates and degree programs that help underserved talent gain the technology skills necessary to immediately impact their employers and their lives. We measure our [impact](#) in several key areas; (1) We provide access to education and career opportunities for underserved talent with 59% of our undergraduate students identifying with a race or ethnic group other than white. (2) We move at the pace of business and have nearly 400 organizations that put team members into a DeVry learning pathway in academic year 2022. (3) DeVry is committed to keeping our students engaged and have a total session-to-session persistence of 87.3% in academic year 2022.

DeVry and the City are contemplating partnering to upskill existing city personnel and attract underserved learners to jobs working on the grid. The partnership will include identifying courses that provide the skills workers will need. To support academic success, DeVry will offer three [scholars programs](#), Women+Tech, NextGen Hispanic and Future Cyber Defenders scholars, and these programs will provide learners with industry mentors, and enhanced career support. DeVry has committed more than \$10 million dollars in scholarships in academic year 2023 that learners may qualify for to ensure affordability.

On behalf of DeVry University, we fully support the City of Lake Worth Beach's request to the U.S. Department of Energy for Grid Resilience and Smart Grid Grant program funding and strongly recommend consideration by the U.S. Department of Energy to select this initiative. Together, we look forward to strengthening and advancing equality within our community.

Sincerely;

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February 14, 2023

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Lake Worth Beach, Florida 33460

RE: City of Lake Worth Beach U.S. Department of Energy Grid Resiliency and Innovation Partnership (GRIP) Program Grid Resilience and Smart Grid Grant Programs

Dear Ms. Davis:

CareerSource Palm Beach County, Inc. (CareerSource) is pleased to offer this letter of partnership in support of the City of Lake Worth Beach's (City) electric utility grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy for Grid Resilience and Smart Grid Grant program funding. GRIP funding made available through this grant opportunity will enable the City to innovate grid flexibility and improve the resilience of the power system's electrical grid through major infrastructure upgrades against growing threats of extreme weather and climate change, while also creating good paying jobs and other community benefits and impacts.

CareerSource understands the importance of job readiness and work readiness skills training to finding a job and that having access to pre-employment and work readiness training opportunities is vital to the job seeker's ability to be successful in their future. CareerSource is committed to the City's Grid Resilience and Smart Grid Grant program initiative by providing pre-employment job readiness training and job development opportunities. To this end, as a committed collaborative partner, CareerSource will provide job training, career placement, and other workforce activities to those who are eligible and as available as determined by CareerSource as follows:

- access to a career consultant to assist with job searching, career assessment, labor market information
- two full-service career centers in Belle Glade and West Palm Beach staffed with career coaches and consultants who are dedicated to serving first time, experienced and professional job seekers, face-to-face or through our virtual career system or a combination of both
- employment placement assistance services to include:
  - computers, telephones, and fax machines for job-searches
  - internet access to Employ Florida, the statewide system that features local job openings, skill requirements, wages and more
  - job-search workshops
  - training opportunities for those who qualify

On behalf of CareerSource, we fully support the City of Lake Worth Beach's request to the U.S. Department of Energy for Grid Resilience and Smart Grid Grant program funding and strongly recommend consideration by the U.S. Department of Energy to select this initiative. Together, we look forward to strengthening and advancing positive change within our community.

Sincerely,

  
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President and Chief Executive Officer





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March 5, 2023

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RE: U.S. Department of Energy Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership "GRIP" Program

Dear Ms. Davis,

As President at Palm Beach State College, I am pleased to provide this *Letter of Partnership* for the City of Lake Worth (City) for the GRIP program, Topic 1: Grid Resilience and Topic 2: Smart Grid Grants projects. The City and PBSC have a strong relationship and a history of engaging in collaborative programs and services.

PBSC was established by the Florida legislature in 1933 as the state's first public community college and is governed by Florida Statutes, Chapter 1004. PBSC is recognized as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education. This public, open-access state college is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and serves 36,000 students on five campuses. The College's main campus located in the City of Lake Worth Beach is the largest serving more than 17,000 students. PBSC offers career training, corporate and continuing education, and 130 programs of study leading to associate and baccalaureate degrees.

The College commits to supporting the GRIP program in the following areas:

1. Workforce training programs to support the installation and management of the GRIP program. PBSC commits to providing a dedicated outreach academic advisor to support residents enroll into career pathway programs and support their persistence towards graduation and employment. PBSC offers an Associate of Science degrees in Electrical Power Technology, Information Technology, Network Management and Bachelor of Science programs in Supervision and Management with a concentration in Project Management and Information Management, Security and Network Assurance.
2. Provide employment opportunities by providing internships, job shadowing, and apprenticeships opportunities. The College commits to hosting information sessions, open houses, career development workshops and job fairs in partnership with the City to support the training and hiring of local residents.
3. Provide customized workforce training for incumbent workers to upgrade and reskill with the new Grid technology.
4. Community Engagement Meetings at the Duncan Theater to inform the residents of the benefits and milestones of the GRIP project.
5. Provide access to the Lake Worth campus as a staging area for materials and supplies delivered for the build out of the Grid infrastructure and serve as a Remote Operating Center.

PBSC looks forward to working with the City as it continues to strengthen the reliability of utility services for its residents.

Sincerely,

Ava L. Parker  
President