

## Funding & Incentive Roadmap – 2050 Paul S. Buchman Hwy, Zephyrhills, FL

This roadmap summarizes available grants, loans, and incentives to support commercial development in Zephyrhills and Pasco County, Florida.

### Pasco County Redevelopment Loan Program (RLP)

**\*\*Type:\*\*** Low-Interest Loan

**\*\*Funding Range:\*\*** \$50,000 – \$250,000+

**\*\*Eligible Uses:\*\*** Site improvements, façade updates, or redevelopment of existing commercial properties.

**\*\*Contact:\*\*** Pasco Office of Economic Growth – (727) 815-7092 | econdev@pascocountyfl.net

**\*\*Application Window:\*\*** Year-round

**\*\*Next Steps:\*\*** Prepare a development summary and cost breakdown, then apply directly through the Office of Economic Growth.

### Pasco CDBG Development / Infrastructure Grants

**\*\*Type:\*\*** Federal/County Grant

**\*\*Funding Range:\*\*** \$100,000 – \$2 million

**\*\*Eligible Uses:\*\*** Public infrastructure improvements such as road, drainage, sewer, or water extensions supporting development.

**\*\*Contact:\*\*** Pasco County Community Development – (727) 834-3445

**\*\*Application Window:\*\*** March 2025

**\*\*Next Steps:\*\*** Coordinate early with county staff and submit during the March 2025 funding cycle under the 'Public Facilities / Development' category.

### Pasco Job Creation Incentive Grant

**\*\*Type:\*\*** Performance-Based Grant

**\*\*Funding Range:\*\*** \$2,000 – \$5,000 per job created

**\*\*Eligible Uses:\*\*** Provides direct reimbursement after verified job creation at the site.

**\*\*Contact:\*\*** Pasco EDC – (888) 607-7272 | [info@pascocountyedc.com](mailto:info@pascocountyedc.com)

**\*\*Application Window:\*\*** Year-round

**\*\*Next Steps:\*\*** Include job creation and wage data in your proposal; coordinate with Pasco EDC for qualification confirmation.

### **Pasco SMARTstart Microloan Fund**

**\*\*Type:\*\*** Microloan

**\*\*Funding Range:\*\*** \$5,000 – \$50,000

**\*\*Eligible Uses:\*\*** Tenant buildouts, equipment, signage, and working capital for small business operators.

**\*\*Contact:\*\*** SMARTstart Pasco – [smartstartpasco.com](http://smartstartpasco.com)

**\*\*Application Window:\*\*** Year-round

**\*\*Next Steps:\*\*** Tenants or operating companies can apply directly via SMARTstart to finance business improvements.

### **CDBG-DR / Disaster Recovery Funds**

**\*\*Type:\*\*** Federal Grant (HUD)

**\*\*Funding Range:\*\*** \$250,000 – \$1 million+

**\*\*Eligible Uses:\*\*** Flood mitigation, stormwater, or resiliency infrastructure connected to commercial development.

**\*\*Contact:\*\*** Pasco County Community Development – (727) 834-3445

**\*\*Application Window:\*\*** Fall 2025 (TBD)

**\*\*Next Steps:\*\*** Attend upcoming CDBG-DR workshops and position improvements as resiliency-related for eligibility.

### **SMARTstart Business Grants**

**\*\*Type:\*\*** Small Business Grant

**\*\*Funding Range:\*\*** \$2,000 – \$10,000

**\*\*Eligible Uses:\*\*** Marketing, signage, or operational upgrades for businesses in the development.

**\*\*Contact:\*\*** SMARTstart Pasco – [smartstartpasco.com/available-grants](https://smartstartpasco.com/available-grants)

**\*\*Application Window:\*\*** Varies by cycle

**\*\*Next Steps:\*\*** Encourage tenants to apply for current or future grant opportunities to strengthen your development.

### **USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG)**

**\*\*Type:\*\*** Federal Grant

**\*\*Funding Range:\*\*** \$50,000 – \$500,000

**\*\*Eligible Uses:\*\*** Economic development planning, infrastructure, or facility construction in eligible rural zones.

**\*\*Contact:\*\*** USDA Rural Development – [rd.usda.gov](https://rd.usda.gov)

**\*\*Application Window:\*\*** Early 2026 (expected)

**\*\*Next Steps:\*\*** Partner with Pasco County or a qualifying nonprofit sponsor to submit an application under USDA guidelines.