



# CITY OF STUART PRESS RELEASE

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## **Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity Awards Stuart with Competitive Florida Partnership Grant**

**Stuart, FL** – On October 13<sup>th</sup> the City of Stuart will host a kick-off event for the recently awarded Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Competitive Florida Partnership grant.

The City extends an invitation to attend the event to both residents and community organizations alike; particularly local entrepreneurs and executives with economic development interests. The Kickoff will introduce the program of competitive partnership to those in attendance while laying out the groundwork for the next year of strategic planning.

According to the DEO website, the Competitive Florida Partnership “helps a community value those assets that make them special and challenges them to set realistic goals for advancing their economic development visions.” The program includes community assistance in the form of asset mapping, competitive analysis, resource matching, economic development training, community branding, and the development of a long term economic development strategy.

“This is an opportunity for the community to provide valuable input for the City of Stuart's economic future,” says Teresa Lamar-Sarno, Special Assistant to the City Manager.

The kickoff event begins at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Stuart's downtown Flagler Place at 201 SW Flagler Avenue, any questions regarding the event please contact Teresa Lamar-Sarno, Special Assistant to the City Manager at 772-283-2532.

For more information on the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity programs and resources, please visit: <http://floridajobs.org/>.

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