



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3113

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds requested are for final design, permitting, bidding, administration, engineering during construction, project management, and construction. These proposed improvements provide for new economic development opportunities in this rural area of opportunity. When completed, runway taxiway alpha extension allows for safe landing and take-off of medium size jet aircraft. The city's Municipal Airport opened in 1983 and serves an important role in the Central Florida region's aviation system by providing flight training, aircraft repair, aircraft storage, and fueling. In addition to recreational aircraft operators, the airport serves many local businesses, including spray operators for the local agricultural industry.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	5,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,500,000	58%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	4,000,000	42%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	9,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	4,000,000	2042A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Received \$2,397,086; funds used for water and sewer infrastructure, lost revenue selection and use of funds for general governmental services.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

1/31/2027

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The City is the owner and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual services for final design, permitting, bidding, administration, engineering during construction, project management, and construction.	5,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,500,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

The goal is to make needed improvements to the city's Municipal Airport to meet aviation standards for safe landing & takeoff of medium size jet aircraft with runway and taxiway alpha extension to meet demand & attract more aircraft operations, bringing more visitors to the community & local businesses in this Financially Disadvantaged Municipality located in Hardee County, designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity.



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b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

To complete final design, permitting, bidding, administration, project management, and construction through the city's procurement policies and procedures.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Direct services will be an improved municipal airport that will meet aviation standards for safe landing & take-off of medium size jet aircraft with runway and taxiway alpha extension that will better serve the Central Florida region's aviation system and the citizenry. The ripple effect provides for increased revenues, new economic development opportunities, and potential job creation.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Target population served is the Central Florida region, the aviation industry, agriculture, businesses, tourists, visitors, individuals seeking flight training services, etc. Greater than 800 will be served.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Expected benefit is meeting aviation standards and for providing safe landing and take-off of medium size jet aircraft by extending the runway and taxiway alpha that will increase aviation activities, aviation-related companies, privately owned/operated aircraft, new commerce, and other companies/industries, and agriculture-related companies, etc. Measurement is completion and certification of project and meeting permitting agencies regulations.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Non-payment of invoices until milestones are achieved; implementation of a corrective action plan.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number