



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3525

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This is to complete the request from legislative session 23-24 by acquiring the remaining land needed for life safety, transportation, reduce residential encroachment, provide the space for DEM in an emergency disaster response. Furthermore, we are seeking to improve groundwater quality with the waste water treatment component of this project which helps the Lake Okeechobee Basin additionally will allow for a reliable water for fire safety, human consumption, and aviation industrial park.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>

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)	3,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

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?

No



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

## 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?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2025

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 of Avon Park and Florida Airport Management through a long term lease agreement.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design, appraisals, surveys, legal, transactional and construction for water, waste water, land acquisition, etc. to provide additional aviation industrial park capacity, as well as, prevent residential encroachment at the Avon Park Executive Airport. Design, appraisals, survey, etc. in the first year and complete construction/acquisition in year two.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The aviation industrial park will provide significant economic development for a rural area of concern. Providing a safe place for citizens to operate and learn aviation related activities. Services will include emergency service to the region during named storms or pandemic relief.



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

Economic Development, Emergency management, Agricultural processing, Aviation Development

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

Access to Aviation industrial Park which will house business that serves the publics interest.

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

All of South Central Florida will be served if DEM locates their long-term SLRC (single location resource center), furthermore, the development of aviation logistics and agricultural goods will benefit a significant portion of northwest Florida.

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

Will provide needed services to industrial park in support of increased capacity opportunity, in part, to support agricultural growth. Improve Quality of Education for aviation professionals. Help preserve water quality in the Lake Okeechobee Basin. Protecting the public by creating a larger safety buffer from air-side operations and better disaster relief access to the community. The expansion will provide safer ingress and egress to the airport and to the LSA. Increase tourism by Opening the airport and area up for special events like airshows and trade shows. The project will create immediate job opportunities for the selected design firm(s) as well as construction jobs. Improving waste water by reducing nutrient load to Lake Okeechobee Basin. Help providing safe and reliable drinking water for traveling public and residents. Avon Park Executive Airport is looking to partner with Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) as a full time single location resource center.

**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?**

Standard penalties for non performance.

**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



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Other (please specify)

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