



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2061

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Extending taxiway "E" and building a new general aviation (GA) ramp are the foundation for development of Punta Gorda's Airport (PGD) "North Airside Development Area" for general aviation operations and for the growth of aviation-related businesses and training programs. This taxiway extension and new ramp are essential to pave the way for construction of the Charlotte County Airport Authority's new general aviation center and hangars, as well as to attract new/expanded flight schools, avionics installation, aircraft maintenance and training programs. FDOT attributes \$1.275 billion in economic output to PGD, including 12,392 in total employment and \$573 million in visitor spending impacts. Within the constraints of the airport's current configuration, further growth in commercial airline facilities is limited, and the potential of the GA operations and business growth is inhibited. Current tenants have expressed desire to relocate north to expand their aviation-related operations.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,950,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	1,950,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1950000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="19.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="3,970,475"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="38"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="10"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="3,450,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="33"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	10,370,475	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of the taxiway "E" extension and general aviation ramp and engineering construction services.	1,950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,950,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Extending taxiway "E" and building a new ramp are required to develop new GA facilities and prepare shovel-ready space for new aerospace and aviation-related schools and businesses. Relocation of GA operations to the north end of the airport is also necessary for commercial airline facilities to expand the current footprint.

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

Initial design engineering has been completed. Funds will be used for final plans and construction services to build the proposed taxiway and GA ramp.

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

This appropriation is a necessary step in creating a hub for GA activity that will be accessible to the citizens of Charlotte County and surrounding counties. Through the new general aviation center and adjacent aviation development, citizens will be exposed to more training and career opportunities in these targeted fields. Citizens will also be better served by the delineation of GA from commercial airline facilities, as it will improve the ease of use, roadway connections, and parking amenities for citizens. In 2018, Allegiant's passenger count at PGD reached 1,577,164, a number which is projected to continue increasing steadily.

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

PGD is home to 400 based aircraft utilized by a variety of stakeholders, including private citizens, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Civil Air Patrol, non-profits, corporate charters, and air carriers. These aircraft serve the business, training, and personal use needs of pilots in Charlotte County and surrounding communities. Of PGD's 84,113 operations in 2018, 85% were general aviation takeoffs and landings. In 2018, the authority leased 21 sites to non-aviation tenants, 40 sites to aviation-related tenants, and 230 T-hangars. While current tenants may be the first to use the extended taxiway and GA ramp once completed, the project is setting the stage for dozens more tenants and hundreds of new jobs in flight instruction, avionics, aviation, and aerospace.

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

Staff will oversee and inspect the vendor's construction of the taxiway extension and ramp, ensuring it's completed on time and within the budget. Since this is an infrastructure project, new permanent jobs will not be realized until the completion of the general aviation center and hangar facilities. Staff will benchmark the number of tenants and jobs at the completion of the project to compare with resulting economic activities and successful business recruitment.

- 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 in the contract?

Holding 10% retainage from each of the contractor's monthly pay applications (invoices) and exercising liquidated damages.



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12. **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 Charlotte County Airport Authority.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.