



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1803

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) & Aviation Training Center Improvements project will modernize and expand the Aviation Workforce Training and Development Center at Tallahassee International Airport (TLH) to support AAM and eVTOL technologies. The project includes facility upgrades, expanded classroom and hangar space, and advanced training technology to strengthen Florida's aviation workforce, create jobs, and enhance statewide transportation resiliency. These improvements will position TLH as a regional hub for next-generation aviation innovation and workforce development.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,275,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,275,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,275,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	2,275,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/1/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

City of Tallahassee Aviation Enterprise Fund.

11. 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 Tallahassee will be the owner of the facility.

12. 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		
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	Funds will be used for construction, renovation, and engineering to expand and modernize aviation training facilities at Tallahassee International Airport, supporting AAM and eVTOL technologies.	2,275,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,275,000

13. Program Performance

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

The project will expand and modernize the Aviation Workforce Training and Development Center at Tallahassee International Airport (TLH) to support Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and eVTOL technologies. It will strengthen aviation workforce training, create high-skill jobs, and position Florida as a leader in next-generation aviation innovation and transportation resiliency.

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



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Activities include designing, constructing, and upgrading aviation training facilities, classrooms, and hangar space at Tallahassee International Airport (TLH). Services will include advanced technical instruction, certification programs, and hands-on workforce training to prepare students and professionals for careers in Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and eVTOL technologies.

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

The project will provide citizens with expanded access to aviation education and workforce training programs, creating high-skill, high-wage career opportunities in Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and related aviation fields. It will also support regional economic growth and strengthen Florida's long-term transportation resiliency.

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

The target population includes high school and college students, job seekers, and economically disadvantaged individuals pursuing careers in aviation and emerging technologies. The project will create new pathways for Floridians to gain advanced technical skills and industry certifications, significantly expanding training capacity and access to high-quality aviation career opportunities across the region.

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

The project will expand aviation workforce training and prepare Floridians for careers in Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and eVTOL technologies, creating high-skill jobs and strengthening the state's position as a leader in next-generation aviation. Success will be measured by tracking new training program enrollments, certifications earned, job placements, and partnerships established with aviation and AAM industries, demonstrating measurable workforce and economic growth.

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?

The requested funding would be returned to the appropriate state agency.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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