



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2232

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Gulf County proposes to construct infrastructure for a new airport. The development of air transportation will kickstart the economic revitalization desperately needed in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael in the county and region. A 2019 Pre-Feasibility Study indicated that airport development in Gulf County is feasible. The development of an airport in Gulf County compliments the road and rail infrastructure that serves the region.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	34%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	3,475,000	58%
Local	500,000	8%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	5,975,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	2,500,000	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?

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



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\$6,996,367.63 used for rental and mortgage assistance, emergency medical services and equipment, emergency management, small business assistance, payroll, public health & safety, medical expenses, public health expenses, government services, etc.

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?

7/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/2025

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.

Gulf County will own the facility.

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	Funds will be used for construction of an entrance road and water and sewer system for a new airport in Gulf County.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Gulf County will implement construction methods that emphasize quality, durability, efficiency, sustainability, and this project will also be designed to incorporate principles of resilience and mitigation against the impact of future disasters. This project is designed to help mitigate the increasing threat of coastal flooding due to weather events by providing additional evacuation opportunities for residents from future severe tropical weather events. It will also serve as a staging area for post-disaster recovery operations, including airlifts of critical supplies and arrival of first responders. With the anticipation and understanding of future coastal flooding hazards, new transportation and airport infrastructure will increase evacuation opportunities for residents of Gulf County and will enhance emergency response capabilities in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

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

This project will create an airport that will allow for tremendous opportunities in community and economic development. This project can also serve as a hub for evacuation of residents from future severe tropical weather events and it will serve as a staging area for post-disaster recovery operations, including airlifts of critical supplies and arrival of first responders. The project will provide the general public with the benefit of accessible aviation, which is especially rare in this region of Florida.

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

A functioning airport that Gulf County does not currently have.

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

Approximately 14,192 residents of Gulf County as well as visitors that travel to Gulf County.

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

New transportation and airport infrastructure will increase evacuation opportunities for residents of Gulf County and will enhance emergency response capabilities in the aftermath of a natural disaster. It will also serve as a staging area for post-disaster recovery operations, including airlifts of critical supplies and arrival of first responders as well as provide an alternative travel opportunity for residents and visitors to the area. By recording the number of flights to and from Gulf County would determine the impact.

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?

Failing to meet deliverables or performance measures would impact future funding request.

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)



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number