



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3313

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Develop essential roadway network, utilities, drainage and expand aircraft parking to accommodate aviation businesses and jobs, supporting the burgeoning regional aviation industry. Additional apron space will allow more emergency response and transient aircraft. Infrastructure improvements complement significant private investment in facilities and local educational investment for training of aviation support professionals, with increased long-term employment opportunities upon completion.

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	7,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>7,500,000</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)	7,500,000	28%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,500,000	39%
Other	9,000,000	33%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

At the present time, there is no 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.

The Charlotte County Airport Authority received \$27,925,041 in COVID Relief Federal assistance. The funding was used toward operating and personnel expenses.

## 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

August 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

March 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 improvements would be owned by Charlotte County Airport Authority, a special district enabled by the state of Florida.

### 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	Construct 410,000 sq ft of aircraft parking (apron) necessary to support transient aircraft demand. Connect essential water, sewer & electric utilities. Build 1,600 ft of roadway network to improve access points, drainage and mobility. Apron and roadway network will be phased so leaseholders can fast-track their construction and operations.	7,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>7,500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Funds requested will be used to construct 410,000 sq ft of aircraft parking (apron) necessary for movement, maintenance and travel. Connect essential water, sewer & electric utilities to make new lease sites attractive to viable businesses in the PGD AviEx (north side of airport property). Build 1,600 ft of roadway network to improve access points, drainage and mobility.

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

Requested funds are for construction. However, the infrastructure improvements will allow current land tenants to quickly build facilities & start employing aviation mechanics, flight instructors & other aviation-related professionals. Project will attract new aviation, aerospace, avionics businesses & flight schools.

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

Since the roadway does not presently exist, this will allow flow of auto traffic and allow access to lease parcels and tenant businesses. Extended aircraft apron will allow for essential flow of aircraft for adjacent businesses and all business nearby.  
 -Additional space will allow more effective emergency response aircraft (first responders, medical & military) to perform lifesaving activities.  
 -Additional apron and improved access will encourage visitation of charter jets, transient flights and general aviation pilots to explore Charlotte County and SWFL region. The project will also encourage more sightseeing aerial trips and business activity.

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

Funds are for infrastructure improvement. However, when completed, improvements complement significant private investment in facilities and local educational investment for training of aviation support professionals, with increased long-term employment opportunities upon completion.

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

The improvements will:  
 1. Allow flow of auto traffic and allow access to lease parcels and tenant businesses.  
 2. Improve economic activity in the region. FDOT's Statewide Aviation Impact Study attributed 1.7 billion in economic impact to PGD in 2022 In 2023's Milken Institute Best Performing Cities Index, the Punta Gorda-Charlotte County MSA rose to #6 on the national Tier 1 Small Cities ranking. CCAA and Charlotte County have a strong baseline of aviation tenants and jobs.  
 3. Create short and long term job opportunities in the Charlotte County region.

**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?**

Agreement with state agency would outline timelines, benchmarks and any necessary reporting requirements.

**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



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- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify) CCAA is a special district enabled by the State of Florida

**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**