



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1980

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

4. Project/Program Description

The project is for the design and construction of a new Airport Operations Center within the Air Operations Area (AOA) of Melbourne Orlando International Airport. This new facility will replace three 1970's era buildings that are located outside the Air Operations Area (outside the secured area of the airport) in an area currently needed for an aerospace tenant's expansion. The new building will house operations and maintenance offices, equipment maintenance and storage, and temporary housing facilities for operations and maintenance staff during emergencies, natural disasters, and hurricanes, since the airport will be manned around-the-clock during those emergencies.

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	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	95%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	5%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	5,250,000	100%

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.

Airport revenues would be used but the Airport Authority has committed its revenues in the near future for terminal expansion to accommodate new domestic and international airline service.

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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Yes

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

\$25.2 million, including CARES, CRSSA, and ARPA funds. These funds were used to maintain and operate the airport during the pandemic.

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

City of Melbourne Airport Authority (the Entity)

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	Design and construction of a new Airport Operations Center located between the new Air Traffic Control Tower and Airport Fire Station, with direct access to the Air Operations Area. Phase 1 will consist of design and engineering, site development, and phase 1 of construction. Phase 2, in 2025/26 will complete the construction of the facility (for an additional \$4.1 million)	5,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Currently, the operations and maintenance equipment and personnel are located in three separate buildings constructed in the 1970's. They will be replaced with a state-of-the-art facility with direct access to the Air Operations Area and the land surrounding the old buildings will be leased to an aerospace tenant.

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

Maintenance equipment is currently stored outside in the elements but will be relocated within the new building. Operations and maintenance staff will be relocated to the building as well as temporary housing facilities for staff during emergency operations, hurricanes, and natural disasters.

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

Operations and maintenance personnel are responsible for keeping the airport open and getting it re-opened after an emergency as expeditiously as possible. Airport tenants and the community expect quick response during an emergency and for the airport to be re-opened as quickly as possible for possible emergency use by the military and emergency managers.

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

Nearly a million passengers pass through the airport on an annual basis and over 20,000 people work on the airport and its environs. This new facility has been conceived and will be designed and constructed to maximize the airport staff's performance for these users.

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

Response time for emergencies will be reduced and the former operations buildings will be razed for construction of an expansion of one of MLB's premier aerospace companies. Response time to emergencies can be measured, as well as the additional revenue from lease of the non-AOA properties and increased number of employees for the aerospace company.

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?

The Melbourne Airport Authority (MAA) has built over \$200 million in capital construction over the last eight years, including a \$72 million terminal expansion for new international and domestic carriers. MAA will be responsible for the construction of the new facility. No additional penalties are necessary.

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)



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Local Entity

University or College

Other (please specify) Dependent Airport Authority

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