



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2621

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Tallahassee International Airport (TLH) is working to establish a new Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) that will span an 11-county Service Area between I-75 and Port St. Joe. The establishment of an FTZ will expedite and encourage international commerce in the Northwest and North Central regions of Florida. The FTZ will attract domestic and international businesses, bolster the region's global market competitiveness, catalyze economic growth, and increase regional job creation opportunities. To prepare for Zone operations at TLH, an existing facility will be modified to comply with Customs and Border Protection's stringent security standards. TLH's improved FTZ site will include a warehousing management system and computerized inventory control to track freight. As the FTZ operator, the City will ensure access to essential equipment and an inventory control system meet the needs of various businesses looking to bring goods to 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	850,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	850,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,700,000	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.**

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.

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.

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	To prepare for Zone operations at TLH, an existing facility will be modified to comply with Customs and Border Protection's stringent security standards necessary to facilitate the movement of bonded freight through the FTZ.	850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000

14. Program Performance

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

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



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

Shipping and manufacturing businesses that import and export merchandise can take advantage of the FTZ to significantly reduce the cost of customs duties, taxes, and tariffs and improve their supply chain operations.

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

The target population is businesses intending to import or export goods internationally and residents who will benefit from the increased goods and lower prices as a result. This would put the expected number of individuals to be served between 500,000 and 1,000,000

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

2. The FTZ will increase and improve economic activity by encouraging international commerce and attracting shipping and manufacturing businesses to the Northwest and North Central Florida Region. The Zone will help forge partnerships between the public and private sectors and ultimately improve freight, transportation and logistics in the region. Increased and improved economic activity will be measured by tracking the number of aligning industries that are attracted to Northwest and North Central Florida as a result of the FTZ. The volume of regional freight activity can also be measured and tracked by entities such as the Florida Department of Transportation and the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency.

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 requested funding would be returned to the appropriate state agency.

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)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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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