



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3116

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To address the need for additional T-hangars at the City's Municipal Airport for economic development. Funds to be used for contractual design, permitting, project management, administration, engineering during construction & construction services for a 10-unit hangar structure. The hangars could be used for a multi-use training facility & address a backlog on a waiting list creating new economic development increasing local and state revenues for this fiscally constrained municipality located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO).

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	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 2024-2025	5,000,000	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.

Received \$2,397,086; funds used for water and sewer infrastructure, lost revenue selection and use of funds for general governmental services.

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?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/30/2026

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 City of Wauchula is the owner 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	Contractual design, permitting, project management, administration, engineering during construction, and construction services.	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?

To address the need for additional T-hangars at Municipal Airport for economic development. Funds needed for design, permitting, project management, engineering during construction, & construction services for a 10-unit hangar structure. The hangars could be used for a multi-use training facility & address a backlog on the waiting list creating new economic development increasing local and state revenues for this fiscally constrained municipality located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO).



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

The city will seek contractual services through their procurement policies and procedures for design, permitting, project management, administration, engineering during construction, and construction. Project funds will be used for public infrastructure improvements to the airport that will increase the capacity to address the waiting list, traffic, and larger aircraft.

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

Direct services provided with the completion of the improvements will enhance the airport's financial viability. The project provides an economic opportunity for new, high wage jobs that will provide for greater revenues through an increase to the local tax base in this financially disadvantaged municipality located in Hardee County that is designated as a Rural Area of Opportunity (RAO).

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

Target population served is the Central Florida region, the aviation industry, agriculture, businesses, tourists, visitors, individuals seeking flight training services, etc. Greater than 800 will be served.

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

Expected benefit is the completion of the 10-unit T-hangar and certification of the project. Tracking of leases entered into for the rental of the new hangar units, increased revenues.

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?

Contractual milestones established throughout project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed.

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