



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2555

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

4. Project/Program Description

Funds requested are for engineering design and construction services for improvements needed to be made at the city's airport, which includes two sets of hangers that will provide for an additional 20 new hanger units and for renovations/repairs to the pilot's lounge. These proposed improvements provide for new economic development opportunities in this rural area of economic opportunity and aid toward addressing the demand for new hangers. Currently, there are 48 on the hanger wait list and existing tenants would like to expand but there is no inventory available. The city's Municipal Airport opened in 1983 and serves an important role in the Central Florida region's aviation system by providing flight training, aircraft repair, aircraft storage, and fueling. In addition to recreational aircraft operators, the airport serves many local businesses, including spray operators for the local agricultural industry.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 2,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 2,500,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 2,500,000 | 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 2022-2023 | 2,500,000 | 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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Yes

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

American Rescue Plan total funding is to be \$2,397,086; first allocation is \$1,198,543. Funds to be used for water and sewer infrastructure needs. The airport received \$75,000 in CARES Grant funds that was utilized for operational expenses.

11. 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 engineering design and construction services for airport improvements. | 2,500,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 2,500,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

Goal is to make needed improvements to the city's Municipal Airport to provide more hangers and to renovate/replace the antiquated pilot's lounge. These improvements provide for the opportunity for the existing customers to expand and gives the airport the ability to address the 48 on the hanger wait list and attract new commerce, businesses, and potential job opportunities to this rural area of critical economic concern. The airport has experienced an increase in traffic and has not been able to address the demand for hangers.

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

To seek contractual engineering design and construction services to add two new hangers that will provide an additional 20 units and to renovate/replace the pilot's lounge at the city's Municipal Airport through the city's procurement policy.

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

Direct services to citizens will be an improved municipal airport that will better serve the Central Florida region's aviation system and the citizenry, including the aviation industry and spray operators for the local agriculture industries, and provide the ability to expand/improve the existing flight training operations, aircraft repair, aircraft storage, and fueling operations. The ripple effect provides for increased revenues, new economic development opportunities, and potential job creation.

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.

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



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be measured?

Expected benefit of adding two new hangers provides for an additional 20 units to rent/lease/purchase which will address the current hanger wait list, provide existing businesses the opportunity to expand, and will attract aviation-related companies, privately owned/operated aircraft, new commerce, and other companies/industries, and agriculture-related companies, etc. The completed improvements to the pilot's lounge provides for more attractive economic development opportunities, increase of revenues, and potentially new jobs. Measurement is certification of project and tracking of hanger leases/rentals.

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?

Nonpayment of invoices until milestones are achieved; implementation of a corrective action plan.

13. 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 Wauchula is the entity and the owner.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number