



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1976

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Hillsborough County Aviation Section currently operates out of a hangar which is centrally located at Tampa Executive Airport. The hangar has space for three aircraft but HCSO has been working to expand its fleet to include five helicopters and a larger fixed-wing aircraft in order to better serve the growing population of Hillsborough County. This request would allow HCSO to establish a new hangar facility to house HCSO's fleet of aircraft, to ensure a high level of protection against storms and hurricanes for the aircraft and personnel, and to allow HCSO to provide space for partner agencies to store their aircraft when required.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	14,075,150
Total State Funds Requested	14,075,150

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	14,075,150	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 2025-2026	14,075,150	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

There is no additional funding available for this project.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Once the project is completed with the requested funds, the building will be maintained with HCSO funds.

11. 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.

HCSO is the entity requesting and would directly receive any funds awarded for this project. HCSO has a land lease with the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority and would own the capital improvement for a period of 30 years, after which time the facility will revert to the Aviation Authority.

12. 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		
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	HCSO will establish a larger hangar facility to accommodate the larger number and size of the aircraft in its fleet. The project is currently in the planning phase and additional funding will be requested next year to complete the project.	14,075,150
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		14,075,150

13. Program Performance

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



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The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office will establish a new hangar facility to house their growing fleet of aircraft. This hangar will be larger than the current hangar and would also provide HCSO's aircraft, personnel, and equipment better protection from dangerous storms such as hurricanes, and would allow HCSO to provide space for partner agencies to store their aircraft when required.

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

HCSO will establish a hangar facility to accommodate the larger number and size of the aircraft in its fleet. The facility will be established in a location that will provide efficient access to areas throughout Hillsborough County. The larger size of the facility will allow HCSO to provide space for partner agencies' aircraft when necessary.

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

HCSO will respond to calls for service using aircraft housed at the requested hangar, which will allow them to expand their fleet as required to support the growing population while remaining centrally located. HCSO's Aviation Section will provide aviation support to patrol operations and investigations, respond to wildfires, requests for post-hurricane supplies, rescue operations for victims in remote areas, and calls for service for specialty team members such as SWAT Operators and/or Bomb Technicians, with their equipment.

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

The population served by this project are the citizens of and visitors to Hillsborough County, which has a population of approximately 1.56 million people. The hangar will be centrally located in Hillsborough County and HCSO's aircraft would be deployable to assist throughout the State of Florida and beyond, which would allow this project to have a much larger impact, particularly during wildfires or after disasters such as hurricanes.

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

This hangar will allow the HCSO Aviation Section to house its growing fleet while maintaining a base of operations that is centrally located in Hillsborough County. HCSO's current hangar facility has the capacity to house three helicopters but HCSO is acquiring additional aircraft in order to meet the demands of the growing population of Hillsborough County. Records for operations of HCSO's aircraft can be provided, including details of services provided, agencies assisted, equipment utilized, and deployment times.

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 in the contract?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

Yes, Applied

Yes, Received

No

No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.