



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2383

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Lake Wales is experiencing population growth and annexation of property. The city airport is underutilized due to limited access from the west side. The airport is seeking funds to add a secondary access road on the west side of the airfield.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	25%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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?

10/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2026

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

Lake Wales Airport Authority funding, potential new businesses will rent hangers which will provide increased income to the airport authority.

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.

City of Lake Wales and the Lake Wales Airport 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	Engineering design services, survey, geotechnical exploration, environmental due diligence, and various other design related services will be required. Secondary access road construction to Lake Wales Municipal Airport on the west side of the airfield.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

To provide a secondary access road to the Lake Wales Municipal Airport. This will allow access to the west side of the airfield which will increase economic development by being able to utilize usable property for job development. This secondary access will also eliminate the need to cross active runways to access the west side of the airfield, thus improving safety.

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

Engineering design services, survey, geotechnical exploration, environmental due diligence, and various other design related services. Bidding and Construction.



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

Construction will create temporary jobs for local workers and the economic development of the western side of the airport will create additional permanent local jobs for Florida residents. Potential for more aeronautics related tourism.

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

Construction laborers. Aeronautics enthusiasts.

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

The airport expects the addition of the access road would bring new businesses to the airport and the region due to the vacant parcels on the west side being accessible. Track number of businesses locating the airport and number of jobs created.

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?

Lake Wales should investigate and report project delays and cancellations as to why they were not able to complete this project.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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
- 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



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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**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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