



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Project application to the Federal Aviation Administration and acceptance of Federal Aviation Administration Fiscal Year 2024 Discretionary Funds - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Airport Terminal Program - St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Recommended Action:

Submit a Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 project application to request \$6,000,000.00 in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Airport Terminal Program (ATP). This grant will enable St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) to begin design on the Terminal Expansion Project.

- This award funds the eligible portion of the design of the terminal renovation and expansion project, which consists of adding two new gates, passenger boarding bridges, consolidating security checkpoints, enlarging passenger hold rooms, increasing baggage make-up capacity, and adding escalators and elevators where needed.
- The purpose of the ATP is to make annual grants available to eligible airports for airport terminal development projects that address the aging infrastructure of the nation's airports.
- The ATP program is in its third year of five years. There will be awards in FY25 and FY26, which PIE will apply for each year. The FAA will provide preference to projects that achieve a complete development objective and projects that have received partial awards.
- The amount awarded for FY24 is \$6,000,000.00. A notification was made by the FAA on February 15, 2024. FAA notified PIE of the need to submit an FAA application for the award of the ATP funds on March 5, 2024.
- We are uncertain exactly when the grant agreement will be sent to us or when the funds must be obligated. We do not have a copy of the grant currently but expect it soon. The grant agreement will be electronically sent to the Chairperson for her electronic signature as well as the County Attorney's office.
- After this item is approved, a new file will be created in Legistar. It will go through a full review prior to requesting the Chair's signature.
- The grant funding will be applied to Airport Passenger Terminal Improvements Project 003343A in a future proposed budget amendment, included in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Airport Revenue and Operating Fund using Airport revenues and other grants.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Summary:

This grant award will assist PIE as it embarks on the largest airport project undertaken in our history. There are several funding mechanisms that have been identified to assist PIE in funding this

expansion: (1) FAA entitlements; (2) BIL funds; (3) ATP [BIL] funds; (4) FDOT Strategic Airport Investment Grant; (5) FDOT Strategic Intermodal System [SIS] grant; (6) Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs); and (7) Airport Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds.

Background Information:

The BIL established the ATP, a competitive discretionary grant program, which provides approximately \$1B in grant funding annually for Fiscal Years 2022-2026 to upgrade, modernize, and rebuild our nation’s airport terminals.

Fiscal Impact:

The grant funding will be applied to Airport Passenger Terminal Improvements Project 003343A, included in the Capital Improvement Plan, funded by the Airport Revenue and Operating Fund.

Funding by source in the FY24-29 Capital Improvement Plan

FAA: \$49,571,000 (Design) = \$4,914,000)

PFC: \$2,324,000 (All design)

FDOT: \$31,375,000 (Design = \$1,975,000)

Airport: \$26,571,000 (Design = \$546,000)

TOTAL: \$109,841,000 (Design = \$7,435,000)

Staff Member Responsible:

Thomas R. Jewsbury, Director, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport

Partners:

Federal Aviation Administration

Attachments:

FY2024 FAA Project Application

FY2024 FAA ATP selections - Florida

OMB Grant Review - Intent to Apply

FY2024 FAA ATP Grant Application