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## **St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) receives largest FAA grant in Airport's history**

The St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport received the largest grant in its history from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The FAA grant of \$14,273,418 was also the largest grant awarded to an airport in Florida for the fiscal year 2004/05. The Airport designated four critical projects in the grant application approved by the Pinellas County BCC in June, including the Runway Extension, Security project, Terminal Conceptual Planning and Design, and Terminal Roof Rehabilitation.

The FAA awarded St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport Entitlement and Discretionary grants that fund 95% of the project costs. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) contributes an additional 2.5% and the Airport the remaining 2.5%. The Airport operates as an Enterprise Fund under Pinellas County Government and uses no taxpayer dollars to fund its operations or capital improvements. All funding received, including the grants received, are from aviation and passenger user fees.

Airport Director Noah Lagos noted, "We are pleased to receive this historic FAA grant that provides funding for several important projects. U.S. Congressman C.W. Bill Young was instrumental in the Airport receiving this grant." Under Young's leadership, the Airport has received over \$40 million in FAA Capital Project funds. Our local Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, State and National Legislative Delegations work together to improve Florida's growing transportation demands and the Airport is proud to serve the needs of the traveling public and aviation community.

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