

Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 26-0511A, **Version:** 1

Agenda Date: 5/19/2026

Subject:

Project application to the Federal Aviation Administration and delegation of authority to accept Federal Aviation Administration Fiscal Year 2026 Funds - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant - St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Recommended Action:

Approval of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 project application to request \$4,906,084.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Airport Infrastructure Grant program.

- This grant will enable St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) to fund ongoing pre-construction design activities for the passenger terminal improvement project.
- This grant will likely pay for a portion of 80% of the terminal's eligible spaces since the FAA does not fund all terminal construction. The local share would be the remaining 20% of the FAA-determined non-eligible spaces.
- It is uncertain exactly when the grant agreement will be forwarded to the County for signature by the Chairman and County Attorney. The grant will be electronically mailed to the Chairman for electronic signature and then the County Attorney. PIE will not have a copy of the grant prior to the grant being emailed. It is customary that the FAA provides PIE with no advance notice and only a few days to execute the grant and obligate the funding.
- Because the grant agreement needs to be signed when it is received by the FAA, we request the Board of County Commissioners delegate authority to Chairman Eggers to sign the grant at the point in time when approving this grant application.
- This request is budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget of PIE in the Airport Revenue and Operating Fund (New Passenger Terminal Improvements Project 003343A). In the event that future fiscal year funding is not available for this project, the County maintains the authority to terminate this agreement.

Strategic Priorities:

Resilient Infrastructure and Environment

1.2 Maintain and enhance County infrastructure

Prosperity and Opportunity

3.5 Foster business growth

Summary:

The IIJA AIG is a program that provides funding for airport infrastructure beginning in FY22. PIE's FY23 apportionment is \$4,906,084.00. Apportions for FY2022-FY2025 total \$19,931,578.00 which will be requested in the next two years. This award would fund the eligible portions of the pre-construction design of the passenger terminal improvement project which includes items such as new

passenger boarding bridges, enlarging passenger hold rooms, increasing baggage make-up capacity, and performing renovations on our roof membrane system, sanitary sewer improvements, and restrooms.

As part of the IIJA, the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program provides \$14.5B in funding over five years starting in FY2022. This program included up to \$2.39B for primary airports such as PIE. These funds can be invested in runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport transit connections, and roadway projects.

Background Information:

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) FAA IIJA AIG funds; (3) FAA IIJA Airport Terminal Program (ATP) funds; (4) Florida Department of Transportation (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.

Fiscal Impact:

This request is budgeted for in the FY26 Budget of PIE in the Airport Revenue and Operating Fund (New Passenger Terminal Improvements Project 003343A). In the event that future fiscal year funding is not available for this project, the County maintains the authority to terminate this agreement.

The history of PIE's IIJA AIG allocations are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Allocation	Obligated Funds By
FY2022	\$4,914,957.00	9/30/25
FY2023	\$4,906,084.00	9/30/26
FY2024	\$5,083,744.00	9/30/27
FY2025	\$5,026,793.00	9/30/28
TOTAL	\$19,931,578.00	

Staff Member Responsible:

Mark E. Sprague, Director, St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport

Partners:

Federal Aviation Administration

Attachments:

FY2026 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Airport Infrastructure Grant Application 3-12-0075-057-2026

Intent to Apply Approval from OMB

Electronic mail from Jewel White describing ability to delegate authority for Chairman to sign Grant Agreement upon receipt

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):***** Other (Specify):***** 3. Date Received:**

May 19, 2026

4. Applicant Identifier:

3-12-0075-057-2026

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

3-12-0075-057-2026

5b. Federal Award Identifier:**State Use Only:****6. Date Received by State:****7. State Application Identifier:****8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:***** a. Legal Name:** Pinellas, County of dba Board of County Commissioners*** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):**

59-6000800

*** c. Organizational DUNS:**

0552002160000

d. Address:*** Street1:** c/o Office of Management and Budget**Street2:** 14 S. Ft. Harrison, 5th Floor*** City:** Clearwater**County/Parish:** Pinellas*** State:** FL: Florida**Province:***** Country:** USA: UNITED STATES*** Zip / Postal Code:** 33756-5165**e. Organizational Unit:****Department Name:**

St. Pete-Clearwater Int'l Apt

Division Name:

St. Pete-Clearwater Int'l Apt

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**Prefix:** Mr.*** First Name:** Mark**Middle Name:** E.*** Last Name:** Sprague**Suffix:****Title:** Airport Director**Organizational Affiliation:**

The Airport is a department of Pinellas County Government

*** Telephone Number:** 727 453-7802**Fax Number:** 727 453-7846*** Email:** msprague@fly2pie.com

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Federal Aviation Administration

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

20-106

CFDA Title:

Airport Improvement Program. This grant is PIE's FY23 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law AIG funding apportionment.

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

Not Applicable

* Title:

N/A

13. Competition Identification Number:

Not Applicable

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Design Phase 4 - Adjust Scope of Work for PIE's Passenger Terminal Improvements project.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	4,906,084.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	545,120.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	5,451,204.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- ☒ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

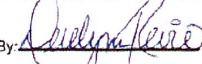
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:Prefix: * First Name: Middle Name: * Last Name: Suffix: * Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email:

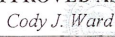
* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

ATTEST: KEN BURKE, CLERK

By: 

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 
Office of the County Attorney