



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Grant application for Federal Assistance submission to the Federal Aviation Administration for airport improvements at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant application for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

- The BIL results in aviation system improvements of \$25B over the next five years. Of this \$25B, \$2.48B will annually be made available to primary airports such as St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE).
- The funding available for primary airports is to address repair and maintenance needs, reduce congestion, and modernize our National Aerospace System.
- The apportionment of funds is determined by an airport's enplanements; the FAA will use Calendar Year 2019 to determine funding in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and FY23; funding in FY24, FY25, and FY26 will be based on the enplanements from the most recent calendar year.
- PIE's apportionment for FY22 is \$4,914,957. The apportionments for the next four fiscal years are dependent on the percentage of PIE's enplanements versus the total enplanements of all primary airports.
- The federal share is 90%.
- This funding will be used on the first three phases of the airport terminal expansion, whose estimated cost is \$106M.
- This grant expires in five years.

Strategic Plan:

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Summary:

The BIL funding received over the next five years will help PIE to address airline and passenger congestion in our current terminal building and will produce efficiencies, such as the consolidation of our two security checkpoints.

Background Information:

Title VIII of Division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) of 2021 (BIL) provides \$25B for the National Aerospace System. Of that \$25B, the FAA's Office of Airports (ARP) will administer the Airport Infrastructure Grants, the amount to primary airports is determined by enplanement formula allocations.

Primary airports published in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) are

eligible for these Airport Infrastructure Grants. PIE is published in the NPIAS and is therefore eligible for this program.

Fiscal Impact:

Various funding sources are anticipated for the Passenger Terminal Improvements (PID #003343A) and are included in the FY2023 Tentative and Proposed Budget. PIE's match has also been budgeted in its CIP.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

Federal Aviation Administration

Attachments:

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424
Intent to Apply E-mail