TALLAHASSEE, FL (August 25, 2020) | The Tallahassee International Airport, anticipates applying for Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program (GIP) funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support long-term mitigation efforts by assisting the State of Florida and its local governments in minimizing or eliminating the risks and reducing losses from future disasters. This program is being administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) through the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. A total of $475,000,000 in funding has been allocated by DEO for the Rebuild Florida General Infrastructure Program, which will be implemented in three competitive application cycles, with $150,000,000 in funding available in the first round.

Eligible activities include projects that demonstrably increase community resilience. The following types of infrastructure projects are encouraged:

- Restoration of critical infrastructure
- Renourishment of protective costal dune systems and state beaches
- Building or fortifying buildings that are essential to the health, safety and welfare of a community
- Rehabilitation or construction of stormwater management systems
- Improvements to drainage facilities
- Reconstruction of lift stations and sewage treatment plants
- Road repair and improvement and bridge strengthening

The Tallahassee International Airport, address 3300 Capital Circle SW, Suite 1, Tallahassee, FL 32310, anticipates submitting two applications for a total of $37,229,265 in funding through the CDBG-MIT General Infrastructure Program as detailed below:

- Runway 18-36 and Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation

Amount of Grant Request: $20,422,509

Project Description: Tallahassee International Airport (TLH) is seeking funding to complete the restoration of critical infrastructure necessary to support Florida’s aviation system and ensure access to Florida’s
Capital City by emergency agencies during natural disasters and hazards. Funding is being pursued to restore Runway 18-36 and Taxiway Alpha to ensure adequate access and mitigate the risk of future disaster impacts. TLH’s continuous operation and critical business functions are essential especially during incident response.

- **International Passenger Processing Facility**

Amount of Grant Request: $16,806,756

Project Description: This project provides for the permitting, construction, construction administration and resident project representative services for the development of a stand-alone international port of entry Federal Inspection Station (FIS) and Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) at the Tallahassee International Airport. The facility is anticipated to facilitate economic development for the Airport and the North Florida/South Georgia region by increasing international commerce through the Airport. An FTZ could also result in the direct and indirect creation of jobs in the local community.

Two of the nine counties within the proposed FTZ, Franklin & Wakulla counties, are within the areas considered to be disproportionately economically affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. All nine FTZ counties were areas of Hurricane Michael Major Disaster Declaration. Many of these areas were hit especially hard in the devastation from Hurricane Michael that destroyed over $1 billion in timber and other agricultural industry. The addition of the necessary international trade and travel infrastructure to facilitate the establishment of an FTZ in this impacted region will create opportunities for economic diversification and job creation in a multitude of industries with varying salary levels.

The proposed TLH International Passenger Processing Facility and Federal Inspection Station establishes the framework for a new FTZ that would become an economic development tool that can be used by a wide array of stakeholders to grow business capacity, and to recruit new, diverse industry to the region.

Comments from the public must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. All comments will be considered, and proposed changes will be submitted to DEO. Additional information relating to the proposed projects and applications is available for review by request.

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