

## Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting Training Phase 2

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Area: Countywide

Location: Public Safety Complex, 26571 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Category: Public Safety

Focus Area(s): Infrastructure and Public Services

### Need: Phase 2

An Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) facility for specialized aircraft firefighting training

### Purpose:

Providing a training platform for County firefighters to support the county airport. Required to maintain FAA certification, allow PGD to receive commercial flights.

### Objectives:

The facility can be utilized by county fire department staff and nation-wide departments requiring the specialized training.

<b>Project Cost Prior Funding:</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>
<b>Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$5,800,000</b>
<b>Project Cost Required New Sales Tax:</b>	<b>\$3,500,000</b>
<b>Annual Operating Cost:</b>	<b>TBD</b>

Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?

Yes, the facility provides required safety training for the airport fire fighters.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?

Yes, the facility can be used by nation-wide agencies for training for fire fighters. The out of area customers will generate hotel nights and service related needs.

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

Yes. The cost increase for turf and landscape maintenance, support building utilities, fire apparatus flammable material (operations can be covered by current fees for travel and training, and by user-contributions from visitors). Reduce Operations and Maintenance for fire fighter travel expenses.

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

Yes. Charlotte County has already received \$2m in grants funds. Possibly serve as grant match from State or Federal.

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2014 sales tax extension?

No.

Is this a joint project with another entity?

No.

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?

No.

Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?

Yes, the project is identified in the capital needs assessment.

Will the project impact environmental quality of Charlotte County? If so, how?

No.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

*Project to be funded by the 1% Local Option Sales Tax Extension if passed by the voters of Charlotte County*

Yes, enable advance training for emergency responders.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No, the project is not but training requirements are mandated.

Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?

Yes, the grant funded phase 1 design and construction.

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