

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2025

Police Evidence Room Construction Project

The estimated construction cost is \$4.7 million City Funded (Match): \$3,950,000

State Funding Request: \$750,000

Berlinsky House Community Center

The Berlinsky House Community Center is a significant community asset and is needed of additional funding to complete the construction of this resource.

Total estimated construction cost is \$4,000,000

City Funded: \$3,500,000

State Funding Request: \$500,000

North Kissimmee Stormwater Improvements

The total cost of the stormwater mitigation and improvement project will be approximately \$1,075,000.

Stormwater Study and Design: \$175,000 (Funded) Estimated Project Construction Costs: \$900,000

City Funded for Construction: \$400,000

Funding Request: \$500,000

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

Property Tax Reform

Proposed property tax reforms are being proposed that pose significant risks to the stability of local government revenue and the ability to provide essential public services such as public safety, infrastructure, and affordable housing. While intended to provide tax relief for some property owners, these changes could create inequities in the tax structure, shift burdens to other taxpayers, and undermine long-term financial planning.

Kissimmee Gateway Airpark Infrastructure Improvements (STATE)

Legislative support is requested for the following projects through the Florida Jobs Growth Grants.

A. Business Airpark South-Infrastructure Improvements

Approximately 163± acres make up the Southwest Quadrant of Kissimmee Gateway Airport (ISM). This property previously operated as a Golf Course, has the potential to become the epicenter of industrial development within the city limits.

B. Business Airpark North-Infrastructure Improvements

Approximately 10-acre site on the north side of MLK Jr Blvd requires infrastructure improvements to support existing aviation businesses, including the construction of an aviation training center and student housing. Upgrades to KUA and TWA utility services are essential for this corridor.

Cyber Security Funding (STATE)

Continued funding will ensure local governments have security measures and infrastructure in place to prevent threats that could negatively impact government operations.

FDOT Aviation Funding (STATE)

Continued support to fund the Aviation Work Program State Funding for the Airport Development Grant Program at current/historical levels.

Lake Tohopekaliga Water Quality Improvements (STATE AND FEDERAL)

The City is requesting state and federal continued support with the treatment of invasive species and removal of organic material (muck) buildup in Lake and on-going assistance is critical to regain and and maintain vital water storage capacity and preserve water quality while assuring the fiscal vitality of Kissimmee's quality of life.

Kissimmee Gateway Airport Tower (FEDERAL)

The city is requesting construction funding for a new control tower. Replacement of the existing tower is necessary to meet the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) criteria regarding the need to increase the tower height and upgrade equipment. The construction estimates for the project total \$16M.