

Request: Support the City of Livingston to be part of the **Next Generation Aviation Industry**, preparing our City, County, businesses, families and youth to fully participate in the **Valley EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Coalition and DRIVE Initiative** as part of a multi-county regional economic development strategy. These efforts will position all eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley to work together as an integrated network of global pilot training centers and capture significant market share of the projected \$180 Billion annual electric aircraft industry (by 2040) by developing the blueprint for world-class electric aviation testing labs, innovation hubs, and electric propulsion supply chain manufacturing-service centers.

Description: Because our rural region has a unique comparative global advantage for aviation testing, production, and pilot training, the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council voted in January 2020 to support the regional collaboration and grant fund raising efforts to implement the EV Aviation-Ground Innovations Network for the SJV. In addition, Next Generation Aviation is one of the 19 DRIVE Initiative investment plan portfolios acknowledged by Governor Newsom as exemplary work at the November 2019 State Economic Development Summit. The City of Livingston has been an integral part of these important planning efforts from their conception, and can help bring the targeted 21st century business and job creation opportunities to Livingston and Merced County if adequately funded to expand its job training, industrial park, and economic development capacities to do so.



Request: \$850,000 for City of Livingston economic development staffing, consultants, industrial site feasibility assessments as EV Aviation technology/manufacturing centers, EV propulsion job training program development planning, and flight simulator placements, monitoring, and flight related STEM curriculum development at Livingston schools.

Necessity: Livingston has an unemployment rate over 8 % in a national economy with an unemployment rate below 4%. Our 73% Hispanic/Latino majority population vs. 39% for California has a median age of 29 years, much younger than the state median of 36 years, and we desperately need 21st century businesses and jobs to meaningfully employ our people and make a difference now and in the future for Livingston to be a sustainable and healthy city. Next Generation Aviation initiatives give Livingston and our region a huge global economic opportunity.

Beneficiaries:

- City of Livingston & Merced County
- Livingston Residents, Businesses, Students and Schools
- San Joaquin Valley Economy
- State of California

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