

WSDOT Airport Aid Grant Program Updates

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WSDOT's Airport Aid Grant Program

What is the Airport Aid Grant Program?

Annual grant program awarding state funds to public-use airports with a focus on preservation of airports.

- Approximately \$1.3 - \$1.4 million available
 - Maximum grant award \$750,000 (RCW 47.68.090)
- Who can apply?
 - Any city, county, airport authority, political subdivision, federally recognized Indian tribe, public corporation, or person(s) that owns and operates, a public-use airport included in the Washington Aviation System Plan (WASP)
- Schedule:
 - Odd years – Solicit applications March/April - awards after July 1
 - Even years – Solicit applications February/March - awards mid May

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- Eligibility requirements:
 - Airport Information System (AIS) annual data review and update completed by December 31st of preceding calendar year
 - Project must be included on the Airport Layout Plan (ALP)
 - Project must be submitted in the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) **NEW SCHEDULE for 2022** – August 1 thru September 30
- Matching funds:
 - Non-NPIAS airport sponsors: 5% minimum
 - NPIAS airport sponsors: ½ local match to federal grant funds
- What strings are attached to grant funds?
 - Chapter 468-260 WAC Airport Aid Program Grant Assurances

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- Allocation of Airport Aid Grant Funds:

Type of Airport	Type of Project		
	Pavement 65-75%	Safety 15-25%	Maint, Security & Planning 10%
NPIAS General Aviation airports with <20 based aircraft, and ALL non-NPIAS airports (55% of total)	36-41%	8-14%	6%
All Other (45% of total)	29-34%	7-11%	4%

- **NEW for 2022 – Airport Transformation Grants** - 10% of grant program funding will be targeted to projects supporting aviation sustainability

Applying for WSDOT Airport Aid

2022 grant program:

- Application deadline May 13, 2022 5:00 pm
- Anticipate approx. \$2.5 million to be awarded
- Plus approx. \$280k Transformation Grants
- Award notifications beginning June 2022



Airport Aid application tips:

- Submitting the application –
 - Submit application in the **original fillable .pdf format as an email attachment** (do not alter the form, do not add or delete pages, etc.)
 - Attach supporting documentation as separate file(s)
 - Submitted by authorized representative of airport sponsor (i.e., person who would be executing a grant agreement)
- Supporting documentation – Bids, details/costs of administrative items, consultant scope of work, consultant fee spreadsheet, etc.
- Application checklist – Review the completed application before submitting to WSDOT Aviation using the application checklist as a guide
- Airport Transformation Grant Supplemental Application Form

Airport Aid Grant Awards

<u>2020</u>			<u>2021</u>		
<i>Requested:</i>	<i>Funded:</i>	<i>Unfunded:</i>	<i>Requested:</i>	<i>Funded:</i>	<i>Unfunded:</i>
32 airports	4 airports*	28 airports	15 airports	9 airports	6 airports
45 projects	4 projects	41 projects	23 projects	11 projects	12 projects
\$4.7 million	\$873,000**	\$3.8 million	\$3.5 million	\$1.1 million	\$2.4 million
Federal funds leveraged \$2.86 million			Federal funds leveraged \$24.9 million		

* 3 of the 4 WSDOT funded grants (\$821,174) provided to Non-NPIAS airports.

** 2020 grants reduced by \$427,000 to cover operating expenses.

Sustainable Aviation Grant Program

Substitute Senate Bill 5975:

“The purpose of the grant program is to support adoption of zero emissions aircraft and sustainable aviation fuels, reduce harmful aviation related emissions, and reduce the aviation industry’s reliance on fossil fuels. Sustainable aviation projects may include, but are not limited to: (a) Sustainable aviation fuel storage; (b) electrification of ground support equipment; (c) electric aircraft charging infrastructure; (d) airport clean power production; or (e) electric vehicle charging stations whose infrastructure also supports ground support equipment and electric aircraft charging.”

- **December 1, 2022 – WSDOT to submit report to legislature:**
 - **Identifying initial selection of sustainable aviation projects for funding by the legislature**
 - **Recommended changes to modify and sustain the program**

Sustainable Aviation Grant Program

- **Projects not required to be entered in SCIP (initially...)**
- **Maximum amount \$750,000 (RCW 47.68.090)**
- **Sponsor must have adopted policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions**
- **WSDOT to develop project prioritization model**
- **WSDOT to develop application form**
- **Call for projects August 1 – September 30, 2022**
- **Questions from Airport Transformation Grant Supplemental Application form**

- **What are your thoughts?**

Questions?

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