

State Airport Grants Aren't Free!

Newly Proposed State Grant Obligations

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Presentation outline:

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- Potential State Grant Obligations and Policies
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Washington State Aviation System

- 138 public use airports in 2009
- 65 airports included in National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS)
- Ownership:
 - WSDOT - 17
 - County - 10
 - City/Town – 43
 - Port District - 33
 - Joint - 5
 - Private - 30



WSDOT Airport Aid Program

WSDOT Aviation under RCW 47.68.090 may render financial assistance by grant or loan to municipalities or federally recognized Indian tribes acting in the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance or operation of airports owned and controlled by municipalities and Indian tribes. All such moneys are to be dispersed or expended in accordance with the terms and conditions upon which they were made available.

WSDOT Airport Aid Program Funding

- Approximately \$2 to \$3 million per biennium
- Maximum \$250,000 per grant cycle
- 5% minimum local match

Where does the funding come from?

- \$.11 per gallon tax on general aviation fuel
- \$15.00 aircraft registration fee
- 10% of excise tax collected

Existing State Grant Terms and Conditions

- Match the State's participation in the project.
- Carry out and complete the project in accordance with the project plans and specifications.
- For property acquisition grants, secure at least two written appraisals by competent, experienced appraisers.
- Must keep the airport open to the flying public during the useful life of the facilities developed under the project.
- Will not charge the State for limited but reasonable use for search and rescue activities.

Why is WSDOT updating its Airport Aid grant assurances and policies?

- Protect WSDOT's investment in the aviation system
- Maintain a healthy and strong state system
- Efficiently distribute public funds in a manner that meets state laws, industry standards and requirements
- Increase accountability to the legislature and citizens of Washington State
- Effectively implement the vision, goals, and objectives of the Washington Aviation System Plan policies and recommendations
- Implement state airport classifications and performance objectives
- Protect future airport capacity
- Discourage non-compatible land uses
- Preserve airport for aviation purposes
- Prevent gift of public assets
- Protect airport land values and airport lessees
- Minimize future costs associated with land purchases

Potential State Obligations and Policies

- Pavement maintenance program
- Greenhouse gas emissions reduction reporting – RCW 70.235.070
- Compliance with airport design standards, plans and specifications
- Land use compatibility/comprehensive plan policies and regulations
- Up-to-date Airport Layout Plan (ALP)
- Hazard obstruction removal or mitigation
- Airport operations and maintenance
- 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Annual update of Airport Information System
- Impacts to cultural resources – Governors Executive Order 05-05
- Discrimination/Fairness
- Duration of assurances
- Grant payback
- Airport security plan
- Meet minimum safety standards (i.e. participation in runway safety program)
- Through the fence access

State Airport Aid Grant Assurances and Policies Update Process

- Data Collection and Analysis
- Recommendations
- Public Outreach
- Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Update and Implementation

Discussion...

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