

Arkansas Department of Aeronautics

Memorandum

TO: OFFICE OF GOVERNOR/STATE LEGISLATURE
LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS
AVIATION AND CIVIC CLUBS

FROM: JOHN K. KNIGHT, DIRECTOR
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS

SUBJECT: ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT INFORMATION SUMMARY

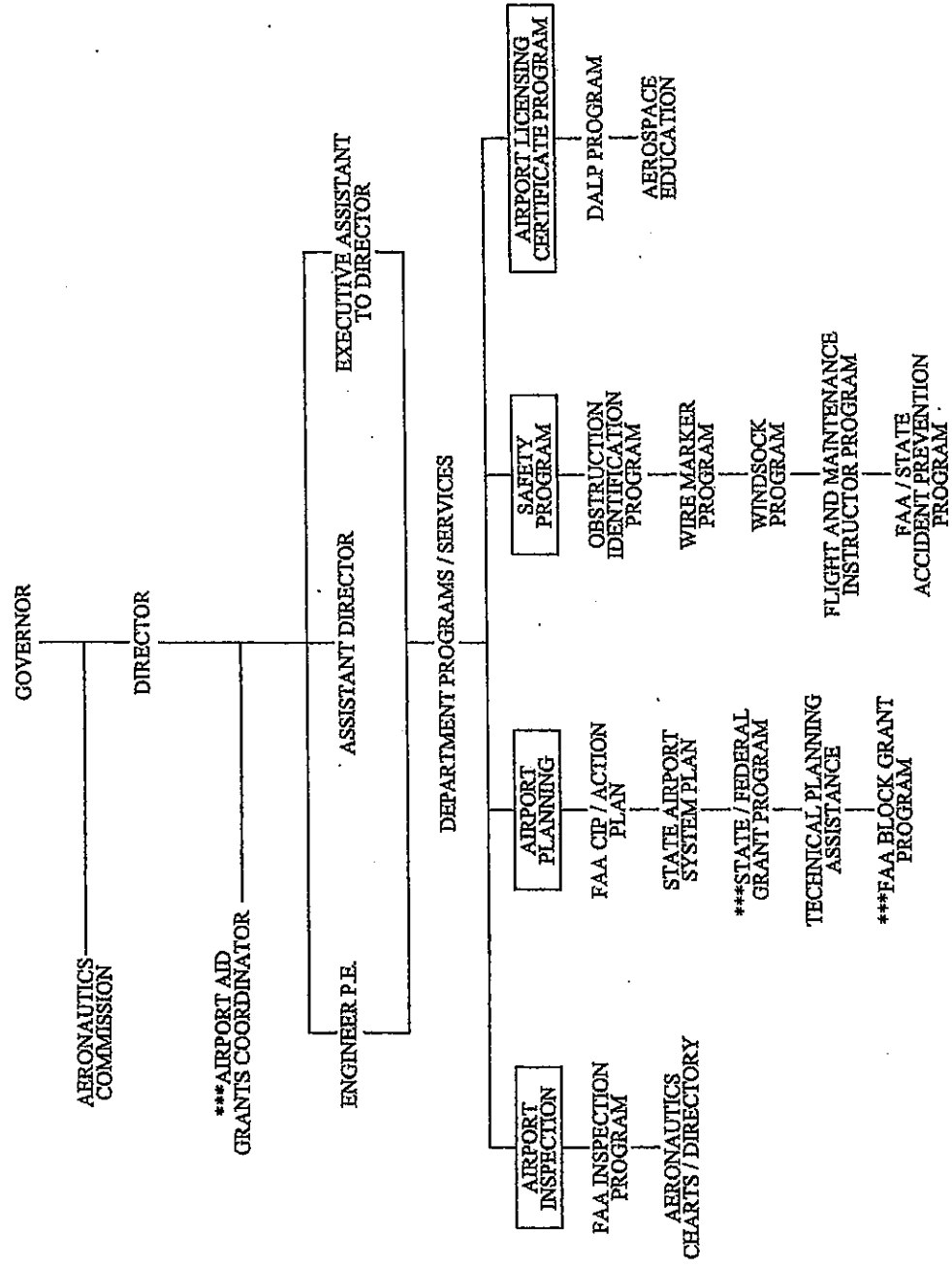
MISSION STATEMENT: To create a safer, more desirable atmosphere for the Pilot, and at the same time, create and improve airports to better serve Arkansas communities and industry.

ORGANIZATION: The Department currently has 5 staff members and a Commission of 7. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor and serve 5-year terms. The Department Director is recommended to the Governor by the Commission. After accepting the Commission recommendation, Governor signs appointment and Director serves at the will of the Governor.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Inspection/licensing of airports and air navigation facilities, encourage the establishment and planned expansion of airports, promote aviation safety/security, administer state airport aid program. Coordinate aviation planning efforts between local, state, and federal (FAA) governments.

FUNDING PROGRAMS: Department receives revenue (for funding) from a Special Revenue account derived from the sales tax paid on aircraft, aviation fuel/aviation related products, parts and labor. All 91 public owned/public use airports are eligible for funding on a reimbursable, matching basis and all Arkansas airports (cities & counties) have participated in this grant program at one time or another. The percentage of funding depends upon the type of project requested. Projects eligible are: runway/taxiway/apron paving, land acquisition, navigational equipment and lighting, security fencing, obstruction removal, etc. All safety/security enhancement projects are priority #1. The Department offers airport planning assistance by maintaining a current State System Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and Airport Layout Drawings for all public owned/public use Arkansas Airports. Aviation safety/education is promoted through the wire marker program, FBO Line Training video series, Windsock program, annual Certified Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic and annual aircraft inspection authorization (IA) clinic. We also work closely with the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) in support of the Wings Safety Program for all pilots. The Department publishes a quarterly newsletter, maintains a current air navigation chart and a pictorial directory, both of which are updated as needed. Support from the Governor, Lt. Governor, Legislators, State Commissioners, and the aviation industry in Arkansas has helped make this program successful.

DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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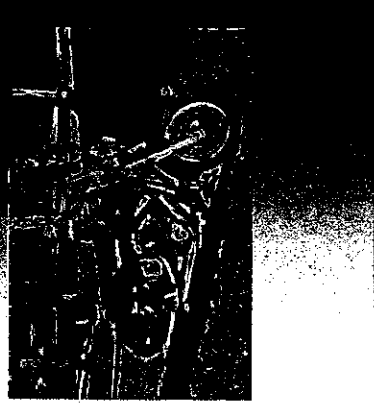
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS



JULY

2011

This past quarter was very busy for the Department of Aeronautics. In the fourth quarter of FY 2011 (April - June), 47 grants worth a total of \$6,722,358.24 were awarded to sponsors for much needed projects. These funds matched \$35,422,282.00 in local and Federal matching funds which financed over \$42.1 million of needed airport construction projects. As of June 9, 2010, the Department had 70 open grants representing a commitment of State Aviation tax dollars of approximately \$10.8 million. Many sponsors have taken advantage of the Department's 5% match program which covers the sponsor's Federal match requirement for AIP projects. We are pleased to have one of the few State programs that make Federal funds truly attainable to all Arkansas airports that qualify for this important Federal Airport program. This program, along with the various other Aeronautics grants available, has aided many airports in addressing basic infrastructure needs which, in turn, helps enhance the entire Arkansas aviation system. The Department has worked diligently with our sponsors to get many of these open grants closed before the end of the Fiscal Year. Because we work under an appropriation limit (set by our Legislature), finishing projects in a timely manner is very important in that it allows our aviation tax dollars to be allocated to a greater number of airport projects. All unpaid grant balances will be carried over into the new Fiscal Year starting July 1, 2011. These funds will count against the new FY appropriation limit of \$15 million. We currently anticipate the amount of "carryover" to be around \$6 million!



This past quarter, the Department staff had the privilege of attending several public/aviation community service events. In addition to attending various FAA WINGS meetings, we also attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the much-publicized new Conway Airport. Senator Mark Pryor and Representative Tim Griffin were on hand to assist in the ceremony as were several State legislators, local leaders, and FAA Southwest Region staff. The staff also visited the Cloverdale Middle School and participated in an Aviation Field day which was highlighted by a visit from the Baptist Medical Center's helicopter. Over 500 students attend this Aerospace Magnet School in Little Rock. The aerospace education program is led by Mr. Garrick St. Pierre. Classes are taught in a manner that keeps applications to aviation-related fields present. Mr. St. Pierre has asked that anyone who may have aviation-related artifacts that can be placed in classrooms or on walls please contact him. He feels that it would be beneficial to students if they could see examples of aviation around them throughout the day. Please contact Mr. St. Pierre at (501) 447-2513 if you can help. The staff has also been working with FEMA and ADEM to develop an Air Coordination Group and an Air Operations Plan for any future natural disasters such as a New Madrid earthquake.

The Department works closely with the FAA and has developed a good working relationship with the FAA's Airports Division in Ft. Worth. It was our pleasure to accompany one of their program managers, Mr. John Michener, around the state for one week this past June. Using the Department's aircraft, Jerry Chism and Mr. Michener were able to visit 20 airports during the short time he was here. This was a very beneficial trip not only for the FAA, but for the sponsors as well. It is very important that sponsors stay in touch with their FAA program managers and keep them apprised of airport needs. It is very important to the FAA that you keep your Airport Layout Plan (ALP) up to date. Sponsors, please remember that this document is your document and may be adjusted within reason to meet your airport community's vision for the future. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the FAA or our office. We enjoy working with the 91 public-owned airport sponsors throughout the State and will do everything we can to help you improve the safety and economic viability of your airports.

The Department also works closely with the Governor's office and the State Legislature. We were very pleased to include members of the House Public Transportation's Waterways & Aeronautics Subcommittee as part of our June commission meeting. Subcommittee members present included: Rep. John Catlett (Dist. 61), Rep. Gary Stubblefield (Dist. 67), Rep. David Meeks (Dist. 46), Rep. Josh Johnston (Dist. 59), and Rep. Bruce Cozart (Dist. 24). Also in attendance were Rep. Efreim Elliott (Dist. 11), Rep. Lori Benedict (Dist. 82), and Rep. Tommy Thompson (Dist. 60). Bureau of Legislative Research Staff present included: Janelle Eryan, Estella Smith, Donna Ward, and Margaret Green. We appreciate the support offered by Governor Beebe, the Legislature, and airports state-wide as we partner together to enhance and improve the entire Arkansas State Airport System. Contact our office if you need more information. John Knight, Director 1-501-376-6781 e-mail address: john.knight@arkansas.gov

The following projects were approved fourth quarter FY 2011

<u>APRIL</u>			<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project Cost</u>
Mena	5% AIP	Relocate and extend taxiway "C" Phase 2	\$ 46,226.62	\$ 926,519.62
Clarksville	5% AIP	Apron & taxiway expansion for new T-hgr	\$ 8,091.00	\$ 161,811.00
Star City	80-20%	Reconstruct rwy shoulders, Install fuel system	\$194,400.00	\$ 243,000.00
Ozark/Franklin Co	90-10%	Connecting txy, reconstruct entrance pavement	\$ 61,047.00	\$ 67,830.00
Springdale	90-10%	Replace 17 terminal building windows	\$ 6,165.00	\$ 6,850.00
Hazen	90-10%	Self-serve credit card fuel system	\$ 82,349.52	\$ 91,499.47
Little Rock	80-20%	Access drive to G.A. heavy ramp, Fence & gate	\$112,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
Batesville	80-20%	Access txy to hgr development area, Sewer line	\$235,984.00	\$ 294,980.00
Sevier County	80-20%	100' X 70' hangar for aviation business	\$227,592.00	\$ 284,490.00
Clinton	80-20%	Construct terminal building	\$373,008.00	\$ 466,261.00
Clinton	90-10%	Apron & car parking, fencing & drainage	\$ 98,299.00	\$ 109,222.00
Monticello	80-20%	Construct office building for aviation business	\$400,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Monticello	90-10%	Rehab airport pavement, hangar insulation	\$ 64,236.88	\$ 71,374.32
		Total:	\$1,909,399.02	\$3,363,837.41

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ARKANSAS AVIATION CALENDAR
FIRST QUARTER FY 2012

STATE COMMISSION MEETINGS

July 12 Little Rock
August 9 Little Rock
September 13 Little Rock

ARKANSAS AVIATION SAFETY PROGRAMS
"GET YOUR WINGS"

JULY
TBA

AUGUST

Aug 6 – Hot Springs Municipal – 9:00 a.m. breakfast
10:00 a.m. Wings meeting

SEPTEMBER
TBA

For more information, contact FAA
Jarrett McFarlin, (501) 918-4449
Or
1-800-632-9566 (within Arkansas).

Or
WEB – www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo/lt

Or
www.faasafety.gov - Click on Event Search.
The FAA encourages all certified airmen to
register on this website.

MAY	
NWARRA	5% AIP
Stuttgart	5% AIP
Stuttgart	80-20%
Drew Co.	90-10%
Fayetteville	80-20%
Melbourne	80-20%
Melbourne	90-10%
Manila	80-20%
Searcy	90-10%
Springdale	100%

	Amount	Project Cost
Install nav aids (phase 5) on alt. landing surface	\$ 62,900.00	\$ 1,257,994.00
Rehabilitate runway 9-27 – Phase 2	\$ 9,305.60	\$ 186,097.60
Construct 100' X 200' hgr for aviation business	\$344,710.00	\$ 430,887.50
Relocate hospital helipad	\$ 30,146.40	\$ 33,496.00
Airfield security system improvements	\$144,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
New 7 bay T-Hangar	\$298,474.95	\$ 373,093.69
Txy to hgr development area, New sewer line	\$ 98,990.33	\$ 109,989.25
Renovation of existing 10 bay T-hangar	\$126,745.60	\$ 158,432.00
Construct access road, new gates, fence, culverts	\$ 90,360.00	\$ 100,400.00
Emergency grant for electrical repair	\$ 13,442.00	\$ 13,442.00
Total:	\$1,219,074.88	\$ 2,843,832.04

JUNE	
Sharp Co.	5% AIP
Heber Springs	5% AIP
Helena/W. Helena	5% AIP
Danville	5% AIP
Fayetteville Drake	5% AIP
West Memphis	5% AIP
West Memphis	90-10%
Little Rock	5% AIP
Little Rock	5% AIP
Little Rock	5% AIP
Pocahontas	5% AIP
Hot Springs	5% AIP
NWARRA	5% AIP
NWARRA	5% AIP
NWARRA	80-20%
Arkadelphia	5% AIP
Grant Co./Sheridan	80-20%
Grant Co./Sheridan	90-10%
Hope	80-20%
Newport	80-20%
Searcy	80-20%
Paragould	80-20%
So. AR Regional	80-20%
North Little Rock	80-20%

	Amount	Project Cost
Design of parallel taxiway and apron	\$ 4,893.89	\$ 97,877.83
Land acquisition for runway 23 RPZ	\$ 5,985.69	\$ 119,697.69
Runway 17-35 pavement condition evaluation	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 32,000.00
Update ALP, Design rwy & txy rehab.	\$ 2,788.00	\$ 55,754.00
Rwy 16 safety area improvements	\$195,779.00	\$ 3,915,582.00
Taxiway "A" rehabilitation	\$ 7,661.00	\$ 153,220.12
Hangar repair	\$ 50,986.12	\$ 56,651.25
Runway 18-36 extension – Phase 1	\$268,226.00	\$ 5,364,517.00
Runway 18-36 extension – Phase 2A	\$229,868.00	\$ 4,597,373.00
Runway 18-36 extension – Phase 2A continued	\$ 80,764.00	\$ 1,615,293.00
Runway pavement rehabilitation	\$ 10,793.00	\$ 215,865.00
Rehab rwy 13-31 – Phase 3, Remark rwy 5-23	\$ 49,254.03	\$ 985,080.59
Alternate Landing Surface for rwy 17-35	\$300,000.00	\$10,526,316.00
Terminal building expansion – Phase 3	\$267,984.00	\$ 5,359,681.00
Resurface & repair airport roadways	\$400,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Installation of perimeter fencing	\$ 8,948.00	\$ 178,965.00
Construct new 3 bay T-hangar extension	\$ 64,138.00	\$ 80,172.00
Taxiway pavement for 3 bay T-hangar extension	\$ 16,236.00	\$ 18,040.00
Airfield safety improvements	\$270,057.00	\$ 367,482.00
New terminal building	\$308,866.21	\$ 386,082.76
Txy & apron in west-side development area	\$ 23,880.00	\$ 29,850.00
New 8 bay T-hangar	\$284,761.40	\$ 355,951.80
Terminal ramp expansion	\$400,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Apron, hgr area, & perimeter rd. repair/rehab.	\$340,415.00	\$ 425,518.75
Total:	\$3,593,884.34	\$35,936,970.79

Grand Total: \$6,722,358.24 \$42,144,640.24

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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS



JULY

2012

In the fourth quarter of FY 2012 (April – June), the Department of Aeronautics awarded 23 grants worth a total of \$1,371,808.82. These funds matched \$11,967,824.09 in local and Federal matching funds which paid for just over \$13.3 million of needed airport construction projects. This represents a significant decrease in both the number of grants awarded and the amount of funds matched when compared to a year ago. As has previously been announced, the income from the Special Revenue Aviation tax is down significantly (\$3.3 million as of the end of May, 2012) compared to a year ago. At the June meeting, the Aeronautics Commission decided to adjust the grant program in order to maximize the funding available during this current period of reduced income. Sponsors, look over the new program closely. Please note that under the new program, the State will continue to meet the sponsor's match requirement set forth by the FAA for AIP grants whether it be 5% or 10%. We will, however, be limiting the number of grants that can be awarded during the fiscal year to one AIP-matching and one State-only. The commission reserves the right to adjust the program further as conditions warrant and it is our hope that we can make adjustments that will allow greater funding for projects in the near future. We appreciate the support offered by Governor Beebe, the Legislature, the Arkansas Airport Operators Association, local City and County officials, and representatives of the 91 public-owned/public-use airports statewide. We strongly encourage sponsors to try to make grant applications based on bids and the Department urges all sponsors with open grants to complete their projects and submit reimbursement paperwork in a timely manner. The Department of Aeronautics encourages all airport sponsors and aviation stake-holders to register for this year's Arkansas Airport Operators Association (AAOA) conference. The conference is to be held September 23 – 25 at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, 2 Riverfront Pl, North Little Rock, AR, 72114. Top officials from the FAA Southwest Region will be in attendance to provide updated information concerning the Federal programs available to Arkansas airports. There will be breakout sessions for Small Airports as well as Large Airports and Consultants. These sessions will address a variety of topics ranging from Sponsor's responsibilities and obligations to the role of consultants. The Department of Aeronautics Commission will hold its monthly meeting in conjunction with the conference on the Tuesday afternoon of the conference. Again, we strongly encourage your participation at this important conference. Registration information can be obtained by contacting Carri Campbell via phone (870-648-8706) or email (ccamp@aaok.com). Additionally, conference information may be found on the AAOA website: arkansasairports.org. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel at (501) 371-9000 or (877) 999-3223. Make sure to mention the AAOA Conference when making your room reservation! Conference packets will be mailed out the first week of August. Contact our office if you need more information. John Knight, Director 1-501-376-6781 e-mail address: John.knight@arkansas.gov



The following projects were approved fourth quarter FY 2012

		Grant Amount	Total Project Cost
APRIL			
Rogers	5% AIP	\$158,273.00	\$3,165,463.00
Rogers	5% AIP	\$ 80,085.00	\$1,601,702.00
Rogers	5% AIP	\$ 87,064.00	\$1,741,286.00
Rogers	5% AIP	\$ 5,535.00	\$ 110,672.00
West Memphis	5% AIP	\$ 66,755.01	\$1,335,100.11
Stuttgart	5% AIP	\$ 11,104.50	\$ 222,071.50
Clinton	5% AIP	\$ 6,901.81	\$ 138,033.81
Baxter County	5% AIP	\$ 15,663.00	\$ 313,425.00
	Total:	\$431,381.32	\$8,627,753.42
MAY			
Malvern	5% AIP	\$ 10,178.00	\$ 203,594.00
Clinton	5% AIP	\$ 12,203.00	\$ 244,057.50
Clinton	5% AIP	\$ 5,335.06	\$ 90,517.00
Helena/W. Helena	5% AIP	\$ 5,653.31	\$ 113,069.31
Monticello	5% AIP	\$ 12,386.26	\$ 247,719.26
Hot Springs	5% AIP	\$ 3,646.70	\$ 72,935.70
Hot Springs	90-10%	\$149,596.42	\$ 166,218.25
Searcy	80-20%	\$450,000.00	\$ 660,511.00
Searcy	90-10%	<u>\$150,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 181,576.00</u>
	Total:	\$798,998.75	\$1,980,198.02
JUNE			
Helena/W. Helena	5% AIP	\$ 21,493.00	\$ 429,864.00
Monticello	5% AIP	\$ 4,193.98	\$ 83,884.98
Fort Smith	5% AIP	\$ 3,237.00	\$ 64,737.00
Fort Smith	5% AIP	\$ 69,922.63	\$1,456,156.00
Delta Regional	5% AIP	\$ 38,438.82	\$ 768,774.82
Walnut Ridge	5% AIP	<u>\$ 4,143.32</u>	<u>\$ 83,218.85</u>
	Total:	\$141,428.75	\$2,886,635.65
	Grand Total:	\$1,371,808.82	\$13,339,632.91



ARKANSAS AVIATION CALENDAR
FIRST QUARTER FY 2013

STATE COMMISSION MEETINGS
JULY 11 LITTLE ROCK
AUG 8 LITTLE ROCK
SEPT 12 LITTLE ROCK

Arkansas Aviation Safety Programs
"GET YOUR WINGS"

JULY

TBA

AUGUST

TBA

SEPTEMBER

23rd - 25th - North Little Rock - AAOA Conference

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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS
STATE AIRPORT AID GRANT CLASSIFICATIONS

CURRENT JULY 2012

SAAG 95-5% or 90-10% MATCH (FAA-STATE) FAA AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- * Available to airports approved for Federal funding by FAA (NPIAS Airports)
- * Limit of 5% or 10% (depending on FAA grant type) of total project cost - State share not to exceed \$300,000.
- * Limit of one State grant per State Fiscal Year - FAA federal grant number required and all FAA Grant Assurances apply.
- * State Grant Application (5% or 10%) reviewed after Project completion and AIP (95% or 90%) paid.

SAAG 50-50% MATCH (STATE - LOCAL)

- * Available to all public owned / public use airports
- * Limited to 50% of total project cost - State share not to exceed \$300,000
- * Limit of one 50% grant per airport per fiscal year
- * Cash and/or In-kind Match required (in-kind requires pre-approval)

SAAG 80-20% MATCH (STATE - LOCAL)

- * Available to all public owned / public use airports
- * Limited to 80% of total project cost - State share not to exceed \$300,000.
- * Limit of one 80% grant per airport per fiscal year
- * Cash and/or In-kind Match required (in-kind requires pre-approval)

SAAG 90-10% MATCH (STATE - LOCAL)

- * Available to all public owned / public use airports
- * Limited to 90% of total project cost - State share not to exceed \$100,000
- * Limit of one 90% grant per airport per fiscal year
- * Cash and/or In-kind Match required (in-kind requires pre-approval)

SAAG 100% GRANT (STATE ONLY)

- * Available to all public owned / public use airports
- * Emergency requests only - limited to disaster areas - declared by the Governor
- * Application must be based on Governor's Disaster Declaration. Insurance payments and other financial help will be reviewed before awarding grant.

REMARKS:

- * All requests submitted must be based on actual need and will be prioritized by Staff/Commission. Safety projects being priority #1!
- * Limit of **one** State-Local grant per year per Airport. Limit of **one** completed FAA - State Grant per year per airport.
- * All in-kind match requires Pre-Approval (NO in-kind on buildings) All buildings funded must certify insurance coverage.
- * Source of local match funds must be reported on 'The State Application Form' and will be reviewed by Staff & Commission for approval during the Application Process. (*Normally local match funding will come from city or county budgets.*)
- * All Insurance, FEMA and other similar funding sources **must be used before** Department of Aeronautics Grant Funds.
- * To comply with FAA Grant Assurances (and State) all revenue generated at or by the Airport must be accounted for and used by the Airport for improvements and Operations. All Public Owned Airports **are expected to make every effort** to be self sustaining.

REMINDER:

- ** The **FY2013** \$15,000,000.00 Grant Program is authorized for one (1) year, July 2012 - June 2013 . The one year authorization, set at \$15,000,000.00, allows the agency to disburse that amount only if revenue is available.
- ** Projects should be started **immediately after Commission approval** and completed within one year. After project completion and required documentation is submitted, sponsor will be reimbursed for the approved grant amount.
- ** A 50% payment may be requested only after 50% of TOTAL PROJECT is completed.