

ARRA Aviation Funding and the State of Kansas

Overview

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with \$1.1 billion for airport related projects nationwide. These funds will be administered by the FAA under the requirements of Airport Improvement Program (AIP) discretionary funding as 100 percent grants.

What are the funds for?

The FAA is to issue grants for high priority projects that can proceed to construction quickly to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery. Priority consideration must be given to those projects that can be awarded within 120 days (June 17, 2009) ***and*** that can be completed within two years of the date of enactment of the Act (February 16, 2011).

How much will Kansas receive?

Early estimates indicate that Kansas airports may receive between \$7 million and \$8 million for eligible projects. The FAA has a stakeholder guidance document available that details the airport sponsor responsibilities, which includes everything from disclosure to a “Buy American” clause. The stakeholder guidance document is posted on KDOT’s ARRA web site.

How are the funds to be distributed?

The Economic Recovery funds are to be 100 percent federal share and are not to be combined with any other funds from any other source. Fifty percent of the funds received must be obligated pursuant to a Grant Offer and Acceptance by the sponsor by June 17, 2009. The FAA has a goal to award all funds by the end of the 2009 federal fiscal year.

What is KDOT’s role in distributing these ARRA funds?

Unlike its role in administering ARRA funds for other modes, KDOT has no role in ARRA aviation project selection or fund administration. The FAA is fully responsible for project selection and administering the ARRA funds.

Who can I contact for more information?

For more information about the ARRA aviation funds and the state of Kansas, contact Ed Young, KDOT Director of Aviation, 785-296-2553 or email ceyoung@ksdot.org.