



# The Kansas Department of Transportation's KANSAS AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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**OBJECTIVE:** **Improve and maintain the smaller airports** across the state in order to increase access to air travel and air ambulance and **to enhance airport and community economic development appeal.**

**AVAILABLE FUNDING:** **\$3 million per year through 2013 then \$5 million** annually in reimbursement grants

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** **Projects that improve the condition or modernize** the state's public use airports, and **projects that can be used to recruit or expand business** in the state by providing better air access. Typical projects include runway rehabilitation, runway extensions, and airfield equipment upgrades.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** All public-use airports in Kansas except those classified as Primary airports

**LOCAL MATCH:** **A match is required**, and it varies by size of community and type of airport.

KDOT will participate in the cost of construction and construction engineering at a rate not to exceed:

- 90% for sponsors with a population of less than 3,000 and for privately-owned public-use airports
- 75% for sponsors with a population between 3,000 and 10,000
- 50% for sponsors with a population greater than 10,000
- 95% for planning and design

**REQUIREMENTS:** **State participation is limited to \$800,000 for most projects.** Exceptions include full-depth reconstruction of an existing runway, which is eligible for a maximum of \$1.2 million, and new runway construction, which is capped at \$1.6 million

**APPROVAL PROCESS:** If a project's approval is urgent, particularly if it is critical to recruit a new business to the state, a decision will be made **within 45 days**. For projects that are not time-sensitive, projects will be pooled and selected annually as funding is available.

**HOW TO APPLY:** **It is strongly recommended that you begin with the General Local Partnership Opportunities Application**, particularly if you are unfamiliar with the program. The application is available at

<http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/genapp2011.docx> .

If the project directly relates to creating jobs and capital investment, applicants should submit the Economic Development Program application, available at <http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/edapp2011.docx>.

For runway preservation and extension projects, and modernization projects, applicants should submit the State Service Improvement Fund application available at <http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/airapp2011.docx>.

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