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.


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