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WHAT'S UP WITH ASAP?

The Aviation System Action Program is wrapping up the second full year of funding.

COAR continues to leverage federal dollars, complete projects, and bring massive benefits to the state. And, in one year we went from paper applications to a fully functional online process.

ROAR has provided two emergent marketing grants to rural airports for their commercial air services. *ROAR* continues to be an evolving process and we appreciate the input from all of our stakeholders.

SOAR is making life at the state owned airports better with each project delivered. ODA has been able to repair, update or replace equipment and infrastructure that support the 28 state owned airports.

Overall the programs are strong, making aviation stronger, safer, and more successful for Oregon.

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2017-2018 COAR Grants

The Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR) grants for the 2017-2018 cycle were reviewed by the State Aviation Board on February 13, 2018. The Board approved the Priority I projects. Available funds will pay for projects 1 through 22 of that list. If more funds become available, the Board has asked ODA to bring the Priority II and III lists back for consideration.

The key to success is all of the hard work by applicants, ACT members and ARC members who put in great planning and hard work to get these projects submitted and scored. The strength of this program is effectively using the ASAP funds dedicated to delivering needed projects for airports across Oregon.

As in the first round of COAR projects, the ASAP funds will be multiplied up to 20 times as they provide matching funds for FAA AIP dollars. This year, the COAR program awarded \$1.9 Million in support of a statewide investment of \$42.6 Million.

The ODA team has been also working to improve the grant reporting portal on-line via eGrants to make it easier for recipients to report progress and receive reimbursements. The software has made every step of the process streamlined and far more efficient.



Thinking ahead to 2019:

- **Plan ahead now!** Use your Capital Improvement Plan, airport plans, stakeholder input, and manager's guidance to choose your project.
- **Get applications in early!** Organize, call if you have questions, and give yourself time for editing. Be sure the actual submission comes from the airport's program manager or authorized representative.
- **Subscribe to receive timely updates!** You can sign up to receive email updates and grant reminders through ODA's Gov Delivery subscription. Go to www.oregon.gov/aviation and click on Subscribe. Enter your email and select ASAP as well as any of the other topics we have to offer.



SOAR Cycle 1: Funded and Underway

The first cycle of SOAR, or State Owned Airports Reserve program, has funded \$1.6M of projects at state airports. Projects include runway repairs, obstruction removal for safety and access, drainage, facilities, and a Master Plan update.

These projects were identified through ODA staff and airport managers working together on planning to ensure the ongoing maintenance and safety of the state airport system. Critical needs are prioritized, as the ODA works to use the SOAR funds to take care of deferred repairs.

Without the SOAR program, our airports would not be able to afford the maintenance and repairs needed to keep them running reliably.

SOAR Cycle 2: Projects Now Being Planned

Cycle 2 projects to be built in 2018 and 2019 are in the planning stages now. An estimated \$3M will reconstruct the runway at Prospect State, update water and fire suppression at Mulino State, and complete a long list of replacement and repairs at additional airports.



ROAR: Working with rural partners statewide

The ODA has hired EcoNorthwest to conduct a study to determine what factors will make a real difference to achieve the Rural Oregon Aviation Relief (ROAR) goal to "assist rural air service." Subsidies and other programs have not been able to create rural passenger services that survive long term.

With the data from EcoNorthwest now in hand, the State Aviation Board will ask industry input through a Request for Application, or RFA. The proposals submitted will be evaluated the Board for effectiveness in moving rural Oregon airports toward a sustainable commercial system.

ODA anticipates soliciting applications in the 1st quarter of 2018. Stay tuned for more information as the RFA becomes available!

Our Vision: An integrated aviation system benefiting all Oregonians.

Our Mission: The Oregon Department of Aviation serves to provide infrastructure, financial resources and expertise to ensure a safe and efficient air transportation system.



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