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From: Grant Coordinator Staff  
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Subj: 2021/2022 COAR Grant Projects and Funding Authorization Recommendation

The 2021/2022 COAR grant cycle is the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle since the inception of the Aviation System Action Program (ASAP), and the last to be conducted under HB2075 (2015). Future cycles will be under HB2434 (2021). Funding for this cycle will be the first to include revenues previously earmarked for the ROAR program. The additional monies will allow for funding of the Priority 3 grants, which are generally economic development projects that assist primarily rural, non-NPIAS airports or non-AIP projects. This review cycle was also the first cycle in which the Aviation Review Committee (ARC) grading was done in cohorts in a Zoom meeting (pairs of reviewers with 6-7 grants to review) rather than individually, a change that was well received by all the ARC members.

Last cycle (2020/2021), the State Aviation Board approved COAR grant funding up to a certain dollar amount. The FAA funded all AIP grants at 100% during this cycle, which allowed the COAR funds to be reallocated to the approved but unfunded grants. For the first time, all approved Priority 3 grants were funded. Many of these are primarily rural airports with no other funding options for badly needed projects. The ability to provide funding to the Priority 3 grantees has always been a part of the vision of the COAR program, and in cycle 5 that vision became reality.

The COAR program has additional funding available this year due to the closure of the ROAR program and transfer of revenue from ROAR to COAR as well as a slight revenue uptick. A funding authorization to fully fund COAR Cycle 6, including all Priority 3 projects, will assist rural regions as they continue to fight to recover from the economic turbulence of the last two years. In addition, the economic benefit of these projects will extend beyond the projects themselves.

In total, 38 grant applications were submitted. One was withdrawn during the ARC review process. The application was withdrawn due to a new schedule arrangement for this project at the FAA's request. Upon review of the remaining grants submitted, the ARC voted to request the full list of grant requests be moved forward and the ODA staff has concurred. The ARC and staff are pleased to request Board approval of 37 grants and a funding authorization of \$3,764,300.00 for the 2021/2022 cycle. The summaries of what is included in this request are as follows:

- The ARC recommends awarding all application in Priority 1 (\$1,588,787.33).
- The ARC recommends awarding all applications in Priority 2 (\$421,500).
- The ARC recommends awarding all applications in Priority 3 (\$1,675,712).

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-The ARC recommends approving funding the all the approved COAR grants and to fund the additional request by City of Creswell for a total grant cycle funding authorization of \$3,764,300.00.

The 2021/2022 COAR Grant Cycle has completed the Aviation Review Committee (ARC) phase pursuant to ORS 319.020(3)(a) and (b).

The following documents are included by reference and have been previously submitted to the Board for full review:

- All COAR grant applications (shared via Workday file share)
- Spreadsheet of e-grants data on all grants listed in priority order of funding recommendation (posted in Board packet)
- Draft minutes of the ARC meeting, held January 18, 2021 via Zoom (recording is publically available on the ODA website) (posted in Board packet)
- Amended grant request for Creswell COAR-2022-77S-00024 (posted in Board packet)

Sample Motions:

**Approve applications submitted in accordance with OAR-738-124-0035(8)(a)(A), “Priority 1”:**  
**as recommended and ranked by the Aviation Review Committee for Priority 1.**

**Approve applications submitted in accordance with OAR-738-124-0035(8)(a)(B), “Priority 2”:**  
**as recommended and ranked by the Aviation Review Committee for Priority 2.**

**Approve applications submitted in accordance with OAR OAR-738-124-0035(8)(a)(C), “Priority 3”:**  
**as recommended and ranked by the Aviation Review Committee in Priority 3.**

**Approve additional funding requested in accordance with OAR-738-124-0035(8)(a)(A), by City of Creswell, Hobby Field, for Grant COAR-2022-77S-00024 in the amount of \$78,300.00.**

**Approve total funding authorization for 2021/2022 COAR Grants in an amount not to exceed \$3,764,300.00.**