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From: Grant Coordinator Staff
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Subj: 2022/2023 COAR Grant Projects and Funding Authorization Recommendation

The 2022/2023 COAR grant cycle is the 7th cycle since the inception of the Aviation System Action Program (ASAP). Funding for this cycle is the second to include revenue previously earmarked for the ROAR program, which was closed in 2021. The additional monies allow for continued potential funding of the Priority 3 COAR grants, which are generally economic development projects that assist primarily rural, non-NPIAS airports and/or non-AIP projects.

This was the second cycle in which ACT grading was done in cohorts in Zoom meetings (pairs of reviewers with 7-8 grants to review), followed by a meeting with all Aviation Review Committee (ARC) members for discussion and ranking of the applications.

Due to additional funding to the COAR program as well as 100% funding from the FAA for most AIP grants in the past two years, all Priority 3 grants have been 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 cycles 5 and 6 that vision became reality.

The COAR program continues to have additional funding available this year due to the closure of the ROAR program and transfer of revenue from ROAR to COAR. A funding authorization to fully fund COAR Cycle 7, including all ARC recommended Priority 3 projects, will assist rural regions as they continue to fight to recover from the economic turbulence of the last few years. In addition, the economic benefit of these projects will extend beyond the projects themselves.

In total, 39 grant applications were submitted. One was deemed not eligible upon internal review due to it being a request for a Connect Oregon project. Additionally, the ARC does not recommend funding application COAR-2023-MFR-00037 due to not meeting the requirements for COAR grant funds. Upon review of the remaining grants submitted, the Aviation Review Committee and staff are pleased to request Board approval of 38 grants and a funding authorization of \$3,107,182 for the 2022/2023 cycle.

Summary:

- The ARC recommends awarding all application in Priority 1 (\$1,777,470).
- The ARC recommends awarding all applications in Priority 2 (\$22,500).
- The ARC recommends approving all applications in Priority 3 except COAR-2023-MFR-00037 (\$1,307,212).
- The ARC recommends approving funding the all the approved COAR grants for a total grant cycle funding authorization of \$3,107,182.

The 2022/2023 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:

- 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, 2023 via Zoom (recording is publicly available on the ODA website) (posted in Board packet)

Sample Motions for Board consideration:

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 total funding authorization for 2021/2022 COAR Grants in an amount not to exceed \$3,107,182.