



# CRITICAL OREGON AIRPORT RELIEF (COAR)

## OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION BOARD PRESENTATION

June 1, 2023

- COAR Program Introduction
- COAR Program Overview
- COAR 2023-24 Cycle
- Aviation Review Committee (ARC)
- COAR Grant Amount Cap Increase

# COAR Program Overview

## Introductions

COAR Program Coordinators

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# Aviation System Action Program (ASAP) Overview and Updates

## ASAP fund created per HB2075 (2015)

- Funded through an increase of 2 cents per gallon tax on jet fuel and 2 cents per gallon on aviation gas
- Revenue funded three grant programs – COAR, ROAR, and SOAR
- Program started January 2016 with a sunset date of January 1, 2022

## House Bill 2434 (2021)

- Fuel tax sunset lifted, increase in jet fuel and aviation fuel tax made permanent
- ROAR program closed September 2021
- Fuel tax now split between COAR and SOAR programs





# COAR Program Overview

## COAR Grant Process

- Annual grant cycle, application period opens in the fall.
- Review and recommendation by Aviation Review Committee.
- Final review and approval by State Aviation Board in February board meeting.

Grant Cycle	Total Applications Funded	Total \$ Expended/ Encumbered	Cycle Closed
Cycle 1: 2016-17	31	\$1,683,072	Closed out 06/30/2021
Cycle 2: 2017-18	24	\$1,693,212	Closed out 06/30/2022
Cycle 3: 2018-19	28	\$1,947,322	One grant in closeout
Cycle 4: 2019-20	4	\$500,000	Two grants active
Cycle 5: 2020-21	19	\$1,680,493	Eleven grants active
Cycle 6: 2021-22	29	\$2,408,769	Twenty-nine grants active
Cycle 7: 2022-23	38	\$598,499 TD	Grant Setup – 6 Executed
<b>Totals</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>\$10,511,367 TD</b>	-

# COAR Program - 2023

## CYCLE 7 GRANT PROJECTS

- **Current Status:** ODAV grant coordinators and grantees processing 38 grant applications to execute projects, 6 grant executed to as of 05/05/2023. (*ODAV Grants: \$3,102,932 | Project Costs: \$41,069,645*)

## INSPECTIONS (CLOSURES)

- **2023 Focus:** Scheduling 39 COAR grants inspections that need their final on-site inspections and photographs. (*2017 – 2022 closed grants*)

## E-GRANTS UPGRADE & TRAINING

- **Summer 2023:** ODAV and grantees to receive new e-grants website, offering a more intuitive, and modern interface. ODAV will schedule and send invitations soon for website, grant, and process training.

# COAR Program - 2023

## COAR Cycle 2023-2024

### Tentative Timeline





# Aviation Review Committee

- What is the Aviation Review Committee (ARC)?
  - Established by the State Aviation Board
  - Comprised of one member from each Area Commission on Transportation (ACT)
  - Reviews COAR applications to determine ranking for distribution of grant funds
- What does the ARC do?
  - Criteria for consideration by the ARC per ORS 319.020 Sec. 7(3)

Reduces transportation costs or improves access to jobs in Oregon	Is ready for construction or implementation
Results in economic benefit to the state	Has a useful life expectancy that offers maximum benefit to Oregon
Connects elements of Oregon's aviation system in a way that will measurably improve utilization and efficiency of the system	How much of costs of project can be borne by the applicant from sources other than ODA or Connect Oregon

- ARC will determine whether application Meets the Standard, Somewhat Meets the Standard, or Does Not Meet the Standard of the above criteria



# Aviation Review Committee

## • ARC Review Process

- ARC divided into groups of 2-3 members; COAR applications divided among the groups.
- Each group discusses, scores, and recommend/does not recommend their set of applications.
- Program Coordinators compile list of total scored applications.
- All ARC members meet to discuss, rank, and break ties for full list of applications.

## • Ranking the Applications

- The ARC reviews application scores and makes recommendations to break ties in each priority.
- The review considerations were created by the ARC during the 2016-17 COAR grant cycle.
- The ARC may consider:
  - The application scores;
  - Percent of grant match by the applicant (higher the better);
  - Numbers of recommended grants to be considered already for a single applicant;
  - Grants applications dealing with safety projects.





# Aviation Review Committee

## Discussion Points from 2023 ARC Meeting (Feb 18, 2023)

- Area of Concern – COAR Application Issues
  - ARC members felt they had to make inferences due to missing information or lack of detail in application responses;
  - ARC discussed whether application questions are as relevant for Priority 2/3 projects.
- ARC Request – Review Scoring Considerations for Priority 2 and 3 Applications
  - Criteria may not pertain to allowable Priority 2 and 3 projects;
  - Changes made through rulemaking process, Program Coordinators to discuss with ODAV management.
- ARC Request – Training for Applicants
  - Program Coordinators in process of creating trainings to provide applicants / grantees prior to 2023-24 grant cycle;
  - Program Coordinators to provide application training at fall 2023 OAMA conference.



# COAR Program Request – Maximum Grant Amount

- Increase maximum grant amount to \$250,000 for COAR Cycle 8
- Per OAR 738-124-0040 (d) Aviation Board may award a larger grant amount than \$150,000.
  - ROAR program closed 2021 and revenue moved to COAR program;
  - Increased project costs due to inflation and market;
  - Estimated funding for Cycle 8 \$4.5M
- Additional review by DOJ will be required for any grant agreement funded above \$150,000.

## Match Requirement Non-FAA Project (COAR Priority 2/3)

Match Requirements non FAA project				
Max COAR grant	Sponsor Match %	Max % of Project Cost covered by COAR grant	Minimum Project Costs to qualify for the \$250k	
\$ 250,000.00	commercial primary 50%	50%	\$ 500,000.00	
	commercial non primary 35%	65%	\$ 384,615.38	
	Business 25%	75%	\$ 333,333.33	
	Regional / Community 10%	90%	\$ 277,777.78	
	Low Activity 5%	95%	\$ 263,157.89	



# COAR Program Request – Maximum Grant Amount

Match Requirement  
 FAA AIP Grant Match (COAR Priority 1)

Based on FAA Grant 10% match requirement

Project Cost	FAA Grant Amount - up to 90% of proj costs	FAA Sponsor Match 10%	COAR Grant Match Requirement	Sponsor Share	COAR Grant Amount *Max \$250K	Add'l Cost to Sponsor
\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 5,400,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	commercial primary 50%	\$300,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 50,000.00
\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	commercial non primary 35%	\$175,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 75,000.00
\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 3,600,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	Business 25%	\$100,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 50,000.00
\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 3,150,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	Regional / Community 10%	\$35,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 65,000.00
\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 2,700,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	Low Activity 5%	\$15,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 35,000.00

## Draft Motion:

**Approve an increase to the maximum allowable COAR grant amount from \$150k to \$250k for COAR Cycle 8 (2023-24)**



Questions?