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Aviation Board awards $1.5 M to support $3.2 M in commercial air service projects

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Grants of up to $500,000 were approved by the Oregon State Aviation Board for projects that will assist commercial air service to rural Oregon.

NEWPORT, OREGON – On April 4, 2019, the Oregon State Aviation Board approved funding for three grants totaling $1.5 million to support $3.2 million in projects that will assist new or additional commercial air service to Klamath Falls, Medford, and Salem.

It was the highest amount to be awarded from the Rural Oregon Aviation Relief (ROAR) program to date.

Individual grants were capped at $500,000.

ROAR is one of three grant programs in the Oregon Department of Aviation’s Aviation System Action Program (ASAP). ASAP was a result of the Oregon State Legislature passing House Bill 2075 to increase the fuel tax on Aviation Gas and Jet Fuel by two cents per gallon in 2015. The fuel tax increase became effective January 1, 2016 and currently has a sunset date of January 1, 2022.

Grant recipients and their funded projects are:

- Crater Lake-Klamath Falls Regional Airport, Minimum Revenue Guarantee to restore commercial passenger service
- Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport, Minimum Revenue Guarantee to attract additional air service
- Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, Commercial airline service recruitment and Minimum Revenue Guarantee

For more information about ROAR Grants or to learn how to apply, please visit www.oregon.gov/aviation.