

# Financial Aid to Municipalities Grant Program

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## FAM Grant Program and House Bill 2075

### » Financial Aid to Municipalities (FAM) Grant Program

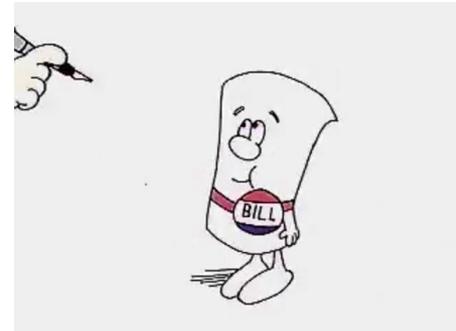
- > Discretionary competitive award of financial assistance through a grant approval process.  
Program funding is not bonded and funding is dependent upon:
  - + ODA's biennial budget as approved by the Oregon Legislature, and
  - + Available revenue from the aviation fuels tax.
- > Will continue to foster the statewide system of airports by providing support for airport planning, development, and capital improvement projects, as well as projects which may be ineligible for other funding sources.
- > Revenues collected from HB 2075 will be issued to qualifying airport sponsors for aviation projects through the new FAM Grant Program.



## FAM Grant Program and House Bill 2075

### » 2015 Oregon Legislation - House Bill 2075

- > **Two (2) cent per gallon increase** on aviation fuel tax sold, used, distributed in Oregon.
- > Funding of grants will be distributed in the manner prescribed by ORS 319.020 Section 7.
- > 5% is allocated to ODA's admin. expenses for program related activities only. The remaining 95% shall be used for:
  - + **50%** - FAA AIP Grant Match, Economic Development, Emergency Preparedness per ORS 319.020;
  - + **25%** - Commercial Air Service to Rural Oregon;
  - + **25%** - State Owned Airports Safety and Infrastructure Projects.
- > Revenues from the 2 cent increase: effective **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**,  
Sunsets **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.



## FAM Grant Program and House Bill 2075



### » Eligible Projects:

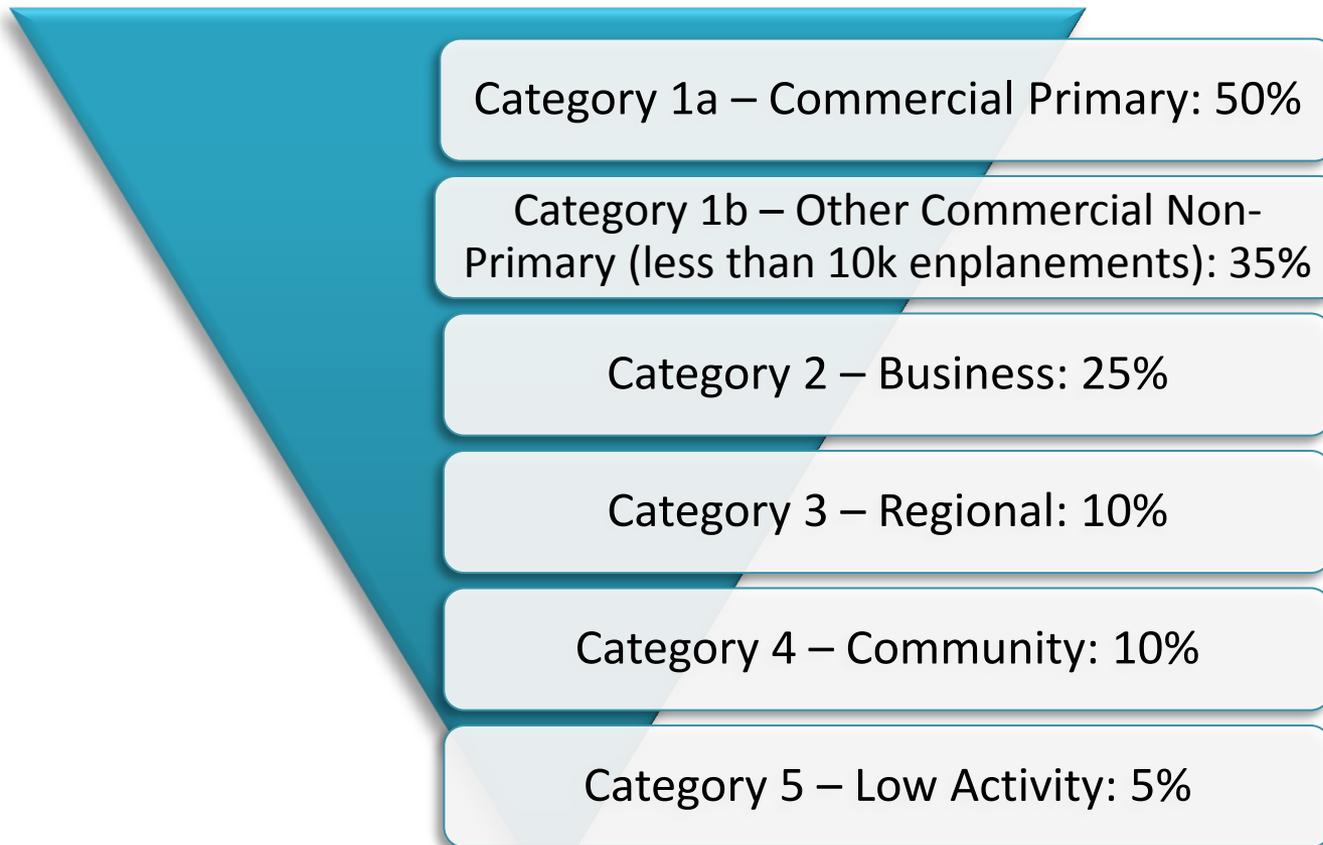
- > FAA AIP Grant Match assistance – up to 50% of the FAA match requirement. Special considerations may be given to sponsors that can justify economic hardship by reducing or eliminating match requirement.
- > Emergency preparedness/infrastructure projects, in accordance with the Oregon Resilience Plan. You can find more information at:  
[www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/ospac/docs/Oregon\\_Resilience\\_Plan\\_Final.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/ospac/docs/Oregon_Resilience_Plan_Final.pdf)
  - + Typical project examples: Emergency plan development, seismic studies, emergency generators, similar equipment
- > Services critical or essential to aviation, such as fuel, sewer, water, weather equipment
- > Aviation-related business development, such as hangars, parking for business aircraft and related facilities
- > Airport development for local economic benefit, such as signs and marketing





## FAM Grant Minimum Match Requirements

Both FAA and non-FAA eligible projects: the level of sponsor/owner grant matching requirements are based upon category of airport as defined in the Oregon Aviation Plan.





## FAM Grant Program

### » Estimated Number of Grants in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grant Cycle:

- > Revenue accumulated through the end of October will guide the number of grants issued during 1<sup>st</sup> grant cycle.
- > Estimated available revenue could be approximately \$1,327,137.
- > Grants will be available between \$25,000 to \$150,000, per application, per grant cycle.

Example:

<b>Estimated Number of Grants</b>	
If each selected application requests:	Then, this many grants may be available:
\$150,000	8
\$125,000	9
\$100,000	12
\$75,000	16
\$50,000	23
\$25,000	47



**\*Combinations of amounts will vary final number of grants**

## FAM Grant Program

### » Changes to Program

> Grant applications will be prioritized using HB 2075 priority rating

[ORS 319.020 Section 7 \(3\)\(c\)](#). Priority will be given to projects for which applicants demonstrate a commitment to contribute the greatest match commitments.

+ 1<sup>st</sup> priority – Assist with match requirements for FAA AIP grants

+ 2<sup>nd</sup> priority – Safety and infrastructure development

+ 3<sup>rd</sup> priority – Aviation-related economic benefits related to airports

> Electronic grant process is anticipated.



## Ongoing Processes

### » Outreach

- > Airport Sponsors, Consultants, Review Committee Members, State Aviation Board

### » Grant Program Rules

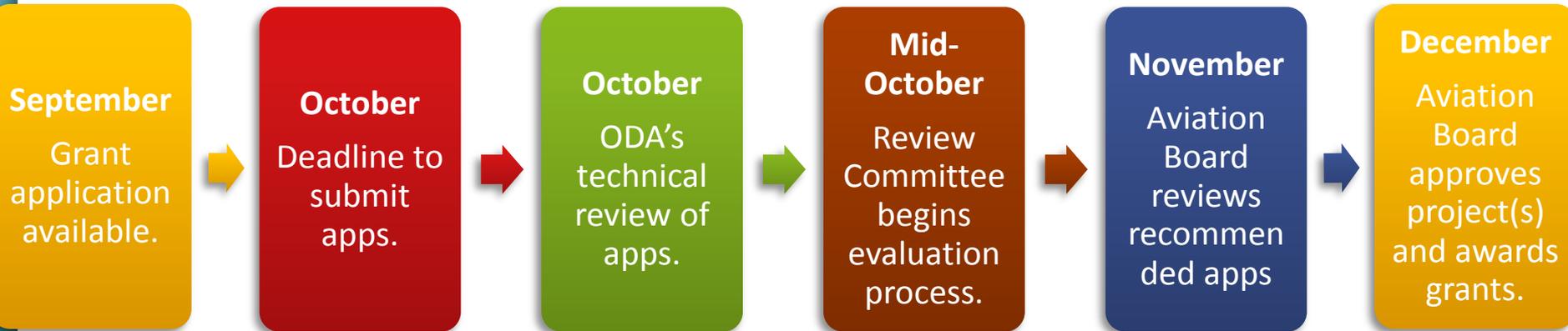
- > Updating existing FAM Grant Program rules and creating templates (applications, definitions, reimbursement forms, progress reports, etc.). Stay tuned!

### » Electronic Grant Process

### » Timeline

- > ODA is working on solidifying the grant timeline, focusing on the 1<sup>st</sup> grant cycle with target grant distribution in the 4<sup>th</sup> fiscal quarter.
- > “Go-Live” date will be no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016





# Tentative Grant Timeline





## **FAM Grant Awards – Draft Procedures for Release of Awards**

The FAM Grant Program is a reimbursable program.

ODA is in the process of developing a reimbursement procedure, which will allow for expedited funding.

Applicant/Project Accountability Measurements

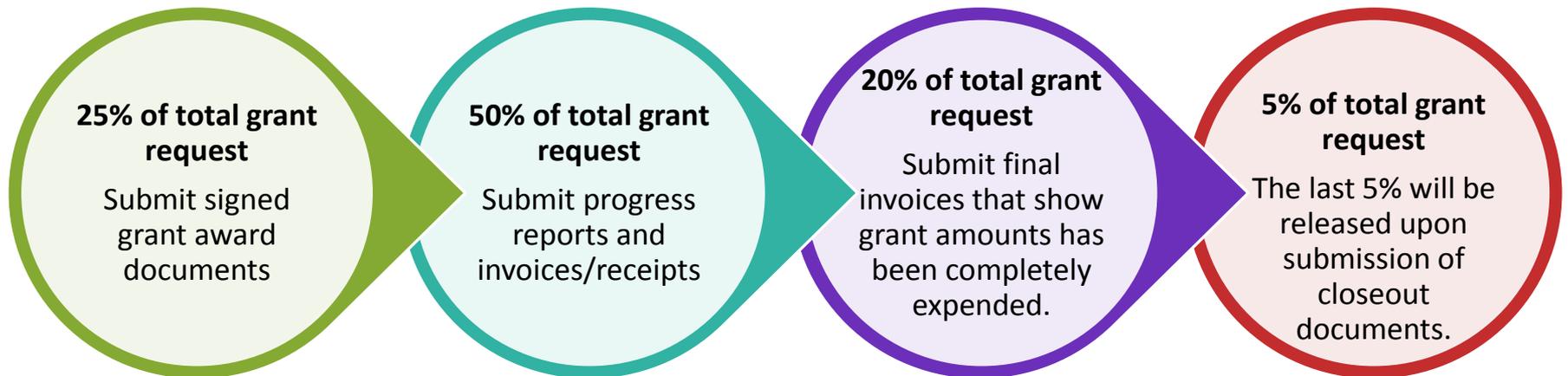
### **Non-Construction Projects – Draft Award Payment Process**

- » Examples: Purchase of aircraft rescue and firefighting equipment, snow removal equipment, tractors, etc.
- » Funding: Sponsor/Owner will submit invoice(s)/proof of purchase and request reimbursement. Grants monies will be released upon verification that purchase has been finalized.



## FAM Grant Awards – Payment Procedures

Construction Projects – Draft Version of Award Payment Process:





## Electronic Grant Process

### » Benefits

- > **Web-Based Portal** – Track status of grant applications, receive alerts of upcoming deadlines, receive notifications of upcoming grants
- > **Mobility of Grant Applications** – Virtually access portal from anywhere with internet availability
- > **Paperless** – Submit applications, forms, reimbursement requests, and updates electronically
- > **Automation of grant life cycle** – Software will walk users through entire grant process:
  - + Sponsors – Submit grant applications and materials, request grant reimbursements
  - + ODA – Technical review of applications, grant accounting, manage all phases of the grant process
- > **Web based electronic review for:**
  - + Review Committee – Review applications, make recommendations
  - + State Aviation Board – Review applications, select applications to award





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