



Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV)
Attn: Board of Directors
COAR Administrators

February 5, 2026

SUBJECT: COAR Review and Approval Process

The following recommendations are provided for the ODAV Board of Directors to strongly consider during the COAR approval process:

- Limit the maximum amount to be approved per sponsor at \$150,000. Within the current ARC recommendation, this alone would provide an additional \$628,060 for other airports to participate. There is historical precedent of the Board to take this position.
- Consideration of limiting the number of grants per sponsor per grant cycle. It is unfair for one sponsor to receive as many as 4 significant grants while others receive one, or none at all.

These considerations would not be necessary if there were ample funds for all qualified COAR projects. During this cycle, that is not the case. Thus, by way of background for the above recommendations:

- 1) Please note, many of the smaller airports do not have any other source of infrastructure funding besides COAR Grants. By limiting either the received amount, or the number of grants per cycle, it appears the current funding would provide project support for almost ALL of the participating sponsors.
- 2) The argument that many of the Priority 1 Projects would not proceed without COAR funding is inaccurate. Approved AIP Projects have committed match funds prior to the COAR process. The receipt of additional COAR Grant funds to help offset other FAA program funds, essentially gives the recipient a "General Fund" surplus.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sisters Eagle Airport (6K5)