

#### ASSISTANCE TO IDAHO'S AIRPORTS

#### **Purpose**

This policy implements Board policy 4075 and defines the Idaho Airport Aid Program (IAAP) and the Division of Aeronautics' input to the Idaho Transportation Investment Program (ITIP).

#### Legal Authority

- Idaho Code 21-102 the purpose of aeronautics legislative titles is for safety and to impose obligations on Department.
- Idaho Code 21-104 The Department shall have general supervision over aeronautics within Idaho.
- Idaho Code 21-105 The Department may provide technical services and financial assistance to municipal airports.
- Idaho Code 21-106 The establishment, operation and maintenance of state airports.
- Idaho Code 21-132 Purpose of Aeronautic Act is to improve and expand air service to meet increased demands of air transportation.
- Idaho Code 21-142 General powers and duties of the Idaho Transportation Board with respect to aeronautics.

## **Program Coordination**

The Division of Aeronautics Administrator in coordination with the Aeronautics Advisory Board and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shall develop an annual five-year Idaho State Capital Improvement Program (ISCIP) that identifies prioritized needs and funding projections for Idaho airports.

Projects are selected through a prioritization methodology and scheduled annually.

Program information shall be submitted annually to the Idaho Transportation Board for entry into the Idaho Transportation Investment Program.

## **Idaho Airport Aid Program**

The Division of Aeronautics Administrator in coordination with the Aeronautics Advisory Board shall develop an annual grant funding allocation program entitled the Idaho Airport Aid Program (IAAP). The primary goal of the program is to further the proper development of a statewide system of airports and to fairly distribute aviation tax money. The IAAP is an annual commitment of resources for developing, obligating, and contracting airport improvement projects. Allocations may require matching financial participation and are reimbursable as approved by the Board. The program shall be updated annually and shall be submitted to the Aeronautics Advisory Board for evaluation and acceptance, and the Idaho Transportation Board for evaluation and approval for the obligation of funds. IAAP grants are available to municipal entities, but not to facilities operated by divisions of the state of Idaho or the federal government.

# **Obligating Funds to Projects**

The Division of Aeronautics Administrator in cooperation with the Division of Administration shall establish, publish, and oversee the obligation processing and monitoring procedures. All project budgets shall reflect the most recent available cost estimates and obligations and stay within available funding. The Division of Aeronautics Administrator or delegate shall commit all unused funding to priority projects throughout the year.

## **Responsibility for Project Cost Increases**

The amount of an IAAP grant is based upon the FAA's initial grant amount and/or the local airport's estimated project fees and bid amount. Once a grant agreement is accepted, the amount of the grant shall not be increased due to increased project costs or an FAA grant amendment, except as approved by the Board.

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