

August 23, 2017

Re: 2017 Airport Grant Announcement

On behalf of the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands (Land Board), the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office is announcing a grant round for eligible airports that are impacted by oil and gas development. The funding comes from appropriations from House Bill 1176 during the 2015 Legislative Assembly and Senate Bill 2013 during the 2017 Legislative Assembly. The grant funds announced today will support airports within oil-producing counties and include:

- 1) Up to \$15 million for continued construction projects of the Williston Airport
- 2) Up to \$1.5 million for continued improvements to the Dickinson Airport
- 3) Up to \$1.3 million for improvements to other municipal airports

The ND Aeronautics Commission will act as the Land Board's advisory committee in reviewing applications and will submit recommendations, which the Land Board will make the final decision to award the grants later in 2017. Criteria used in evaluating the projects will include: safety improvement; financial need; result of energy activity; project readiness; and contribution to long term viability. Cost-share requirements must consider the availability of local and federal funds to support the projects. Priority funds will be to projects that have been awarded or are eligible to receive federal funding. Grants to Williston airport will be awarded only when related federal funding is committed and available to be spent on the new airport construction project.

Requests for improvements to airport readiness and responsiveness of oil and gas development will be considered. All grant applications will include appropriate matching funds prior to submission. The application is available on the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission web page: <https://aero.nd.gov/airports/airport-grant-funding/>. This Internet site contains a PDF version of the application format that can be completed on-screen.

Funds will not be disbursed to successful grant recipients until projects are substantially complete, and the supporting documentation is submitted along with a Reimbursement Request form found online at: <https://land.nd.gov/EnergyImpact/Forms>

Completed applications and supporting materials should be mailed via US postage paid envelope to P.O. Box 5020, faxed to the ND Aeronautics Commission office at (701) 328-9656, or e-mailed to ndaero@nd.gov. Applications submitted will be accepted from August 23, 2017 and until 5:00 p.m. Central Time on September 29, 2017. Award notification is expected for early December 2017.

Re: 2017 Grant to Bowman and Divide County

On behalf of the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands (Land Board), the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office is announcing a grant round for Bowman and Divide County government that has been impacted by oil and gas development. The funding comes from appropriations in House Bill 1176 during the 2015 Legislative Assembly and Senate Bill 2013 during the 2017 Legislative Assembly. The grant funds announced today will support infrastructure and construction projects, or maintaining roadways as a result of oil and gas development and activity.

Just over \$7.5 million is available for this grant round. Applications and mailing instructions can be found online at <https://land.nd.gov/EnergyImpact/Forms>

Completed applications and supporting materials should be submitted as to arrive at the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office NLT 1:00pm on September 15, 2017. Applications can be faxed to (701) 328-3650., emailed to energyimpact@nd.gov, or submitted through normal postal operations to the address identified on the application form. Award notification is expected by early October 2017.

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