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Mr. Stephen Andras
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Aurora Municipal Airport
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Mr. Andras,

The Illinois Department of Transportation's Airport Improvement Program provides funding for projects at airports throughout the state to ensure the continuation of safe and efficient operations at these facilities and maximize opportunities for economic development in Illinois.

This program is based on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funding levels established in federal legislation. Federal shares typically range from 70% to 95%, per federal statute. The State and Local match will be split equally for all portions of projects which are deemed eligible for Federal funding. All other portions deemed ineligible for Federal funds must be funded with additional Local match without State participation.

Funding for the Illinois AIP is dependent upon receipt of Federal funds and legislative authorization of state appropriations. **In the event the Illinois General Assembly fails to appropriate funds or the appropriated funds are insufficient, the Airport Sponsor must pay the State and Local match as itemized below, including any amount which exceeds the total project cost.**

Proposed development and land acquisition projects must be shown on an approved and current Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and Exhibit "A" Airport Property Inventory Map and must have cleared IDOT and FAA environmental processing. Land acquisition projects must also have already acquired the land or have a signed purchase agreement.

For projects seeking FAA Discretionary funds, these requirements must be completed and evidence of FAA approval must be provided to IDOT Division of Aeronautics (Aeronautics).

IDOT (GRANTOR) and the airport Sponsor (GRANTEE) hereby agree that they will pay the below stated amounts of all eligible project costs. GRANTEES are responsible for all planning, environmental, and design services costs prior to project letting and may seek reimbursement within the project at the time of award. **In addition, the GRANTEE must pay such additional project costs which exceed the sum of the GRANTOR's and the FAA's funds, as are herein committed for this Project.**

The project detailed herein was selected for your airport from project requests submitted to Aeronautics after holding Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) meetings. AIP projects were selected based on the FAA's National Priority System, as well as other state and local priorities. Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) projects are selected based upon airport Sponsor requests, eligibility, and available funds. IDOT programmed the following project for your airport to be included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Proposed AIP:

The project "**Update Airport Layout Plan with Narrative Report (Airfield Geometry Study)**" will be funded as follows:

Federal State Apportionment FY25	\$380,380
State Match	\$10,010
Local Match	\$10,010
<hr/> Total Project Cost	<hr/> \$400,400

***If this project is seeking AIP Federal Discretionary Funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) until such time the funds are received by the Department the project is not guaranteed.**

If additional funds are deemed necessary post award, an amendment to the Grant Agreement must be developed and approved by the GRANTOR before any additional funding may be allocated.

The Office of Intermodal Project Implementation (Aeronautics) letting schedule for construction projects must be strictly followed to ensure projects are advertised and brought to letting in an organized manner. The letting schedule allows for 30 weeks to develop a project from the date of the pre-design meeting to the letting.

To ensure eligibility of professional services for state and federal funding participation, you are required to satisfy the qualifications based selection process and enter into a retainer agreement, or professional services A/E agreement with the consultant of record selected for the project prior to any costs being incurred. This should take place prior to the project initiation/pre-design meeting. Aeronautics will facilitate this process, as well as the initial development and review of fees.

The project contained in this letter is officially programmed for development provided all state and federal requirements have been met. It is now the Airport Sponsor's responsibility to initiate the professional services phase of the project. Please contact Aeronautics, either directly or through your consultant, to schedule a project initiation meeting.

Please initiate this project within 12 months of the date of this letter or this project will no longer be considered programmed. Projects are initiated by scheduling a predesign meeting for design/construction projects or a project initiation meeting for planning and environmental projects.

To Initiate projects that involve Airport Development, Equipment, or Design-only projects please contact Mr. Joe Staats, P.E. – Section Chief of Airport Design at 217.785.5746.

To Initiate Planning & Environmental Projects please contact Mr. David Salgado, P.E. – Acting Section Chief of Programming Planning, and Environment at 217.524.1580.

To initiate projects involving Land Acquisition or Easement Acquisition please contact Mr. William Eves, - Bureau Chief of Engineering at 217.524.2362.

Please contact Mr. David Salgado in Aeronautics at 217.524.1580 or me in the Office of Planning and Programming at 217.782.4118 if you have questions regarding this program letter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of BJ Murray in black ink, followed by the initials "t.d." in a smaller font.

BJ Murray
Section Chief, Aviation Program & Planning
Office of Planning and Programming