

Appendix K Commonwealth Aviation Fund Participation Initiative

This Commonwealth Aviation Fund Participation Initiative provides a temporary funding opportunity for most projects eligible under the Commonwealth Aviation Fund that increases the state participation rate.

This initiative is a temporary opportunity effective only for project requests submitted for consideration by the Virginia Aviation Board (VAB) at its August 2024 and November 2024 meetings, unless the VAB extends the effective time of this initiative. This initiative may be modified or ended based on the availability of funds or external influences beyond the control of the VAB or DOAV.

K.1 Project Eligibility

Projects eligible under this initiative are projects with fixed state participation rates in the August 2023 version of the *Airport Program Manual* for which the state match for state-funded projects is 80 percent. Projects with variable state participation rates, such as fueling systems and terminal buildings, are not eligible for this initiative. Project requests described in sections 5.11.4 Facilities and Equipment, Security, and Maintenance Project Requests and J.2.1 Utilization of Commonwealth Aviation Funds are not eligible for this initiative.

For state entitlement funding, only state-funded projects added to an Entitlement Utilization Plan (EUP) and approved by the VAB during the effective period of this initiative will be eligible for the increased state participation rate. These projects must be obligated within 6 months of VAB approval; otherwise, the state participation rate will revert to 80 percent. Obligation will be demonstrated by the provision to DOAV of a contract or purchase order.

For projects for which the VAB approved funding prior its August 2024 meeting, a sponsor may not return the tentative allocation or grant nor remove a project from an EUP for the sole purpose of submitting the project for consideration at the higher state participation rate provided for in this initiative. Other reasons for the return of a tentative allocation or grant under section 3.4.6 Termination and Modification of Funding Instruments are still valid.

K.2 State Participation

This initiative will apply to the state participation rates for state discretionary and entitlement funds for state-funded projects.

K.2.1 State Discretionary Funds

Under this initiative, the state participation rate for a state-funded project is 90 percent of eligible project costs instead of 80 percent, as described in 5.5 State Participation and Appendix E State Participation Rates.

If a project is awarded a tentative allocation under this initiative and a sponsor needs an increase, either as VAB increase or administrative increase to either the original tentative allocation or the grant under

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which the original tentative allocation has been placed, the state participation rate of the increase would match the rate for this initiative.

If a project was awarded a tentative allocation prior to this initiative and a sponsor needs an increase, either as VAB increase or administrative increase to either the original tentative allocation or the grant under which the original tentative allocation has been placed, the state participation rate of the increase would match the rate for the original tentative allocation.

K.2.2 State Entitlement Funds

Under this initiative, the state participation rate for a state-funded project is 90 percent of eligible project costs instead of the 80 percent as described in 5.5 State Participation and Appendix E State Participation Rates. This initiative does not change the state participation rate of 10 percent for federally funded projects as described in 5.5 State Participation.

If the VAB approves a project included in an Entitlement Utilization Plan (EUP) during the effective time of this initiative and the sponsor needs an increase for the project, the state participation rate of the increase would match the rate for this initiative EUP. If the VAB approves a project included in an Entitlement Utilization Plan prior to the effective time of this initiative and the sponsor needs an increase for the project, the state participation rate of the increase would match the rate effective when the EUP was approved. The process for requesting an increase does not change under this initiative.

K.1 Project Processes

The processes and requirements described in 5.6 Project Scoping, 5.7 Project Request Process, 5.8 Evaluation and Selection Process, 5.9 Agreement Process, and 5.10 Project Implementation do not change under this initiative.

If state discretionary funds are awarded under this initiative for a federally eligible project when federal funds are not available and FAA later funds the project as described in 3.3 Utilization of State and Federal Funding Resources, the sponsor shall remit to DOAV the difference between the state's share of eligible cost of the state-funded project and the state's share of the eligible costs of the federally funded project based on the state participation rates of this initiative.