

Airport Program Manual
Policy Recommendation for February 2024 VAB Meeting

Commonwealth Aviation Fund Eligibility for Utilities
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A.15 Utility Systems

The design and construction of utility systems that serve terminal, aircraft rescue and fire fighting, and snow removal equipment buildings are eligible under the Commonwealth Aviation Fund. These utilities include electricity, water, sewer, and communications. The cost of utility systems serving both public spaces and private areas in a terminal building will be prorated on the basis of the percentage of the public space to the total building area.

Utility systems serving facilities and equipment (F&E) systems are eligible and will be funded in accordance with the Facilities and Equipment Program.

The extension of 3-phase electrical service from an off-airport source to a first primary meter on airport property and the extension of broadband service from an off-airport source to a terminal building for an airport that is not served with broadband access are eligible under the Commonwealth Aviation Fund. A sponsor may receive up to \$200,000 over a 20-year period for this extension of 3-phase electrical service and/or broadband service. A sponsor receiving such funding may apply the funds solely to the extension of 3-phase electrical service, solely to the extension of broadband service, or to the extension of both 3-phase electrical and broadband service, but in no event shall the total received by a sponsor under this section exceed \$200,000. The 20-year period begins with the final reimbursement date for the first grant related to these services. The state participation rate for these utility systems is 80 percent. Eligibility for 3-phase electrical and broadband service becomes effective beginning with project requests submitted for the August 2024 VAB meeting.

If any existing utility systems need to be relocated due to eligible project development, the relocation costs are eligible, even if the utility service is provided to private areas. The state's funding participation is 80 percent of all costs associated with the relocation. The relocation costs do not count against the dollar limit noted above.