

Fund Overview – State and Federal
(Not all inclusive)

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State Funds

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NCAIP

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STATE

State Aid to Airports

Application and award:	NCDOTA sends out a notice for an "annual call for projects" in the winter, in which the airport has a few months to submit their project requests to Program engineer. NCDOT scores and prioritizes in spring, and awards funding in summer. The dates for the Board award are scheduled based on project readiness and program funding levels.
Available to:	General Aviation airports
Board Approval:	Yes
Expiration:	2 years from NCDOT Award Letter, unless extended
Match:	Generally 10% local match, unless Safety Enhancement Match Utilized
Relevant Statute:	N.C. G.S. § 63-65
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	AV-101 – Request for Aid AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State assurances per grant agreements • Follow System plan eligibility in general • Can fund stand alone utilities
References:	https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/2016_NC_Airport_PG_Handbook.pdf

STATE

General Aviation Economic Development Program

Application and award:	Applications are submitted on a rolling basis. Eligible projects must result in business expansion, relocation or other improvements that result in net job growth for the state. Grant funds must be used in a timely manner to help businesses expand their operations or relocate to North Carolina. The funds cannot be applied to projects that would relocate a business within North Carolina unless new jobs are expected to be created as a result. evaluation.
Available to:	Publicly owned and operated airports identified as general aviation at the date of application.
Board Approval:	Yes
Expiration:	2 years from NCDOT Award Letter, unless extended
Match:	No match, pending results of Benefit-Cost analysis and award.
Relevant Statute:	NC SL 2015-259 § 4.1(d) NC SL 2017-57 § 34.21(a)
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	AV-101 – Request for Aid AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request
Notes:	The objective of this program is to fund infrastructure development projects in response to time-sensitive economic development needs that will generate economic impact in the local community and state. After the grant closes, the Division of Aviation will request reporting of the investments made and jobs generated as a result of the project, annually, for three years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State assurances per grant agreements • Follow System plan eligibility in general • Can fund stand alone utilities.
References:	https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/aviation/aviation-business-development/Documents/nc-airports-economic-development-fund.pdf https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/211015_NC%20GA%20Economic%20Development%20Fund%20Flow%20Chart.pdf

STATE

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Application and award:	<p>Programmed every two years through SPOT process.</p> <p>Scored projects are scheduled over a ten-year period and only the first 5 years are considered programmed for funding. Once all scores and rankings are established, NCDOT uses this information as a primary factor in determining project schedules. Other considerations and requirements – such as the completion of environmental and engineering plans, spending caps, and federal and state funding restrictions – must also be applied to fully develop and complete the picture before projects are scheduled.</p>
Available to:	General Aviation & Commercial Service airports
Board Approval:	Yes
Expiration:	2 years from NCDOT Award Letter, unless extended
Match:	No local match requirement.
Relevant Statute:	NCGS §136-189
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	<p>AV-101 – Request for Aid</p> <p>AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification</p> <p>AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request</p>
Notes:	<p>NCDOT uses a transparent, data-driven method for prioritizing transportation investment decisions. Potential improvement projects are submitted to NCDOT to be scored and ranked at the statewide, regional and division levels based on approved criteria such as safety, congestion, benefit-cost and local priorities. These scores and other factors are used to determine whether a project receives funding.</p> <p>Costs must be updated biannually until the funding is awarded.</p> <p>Each phase of work requires NCDOT BOT approval request for funding.</p> <p>Once the project is picked up, the fund schedule is determined based on the STIP unit, and change orders and cost escalations are accepted by STIP unit</p>
References:	<p>https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/stip/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/stip/Pages/stip-development.aspx</p> <p>https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/2016_NC_Airport_PG_Handbook.pdf</p>

STATE NCAIP (NC Airport Improvement Program)

Application and award:	Funds disbursed to Commercial Service Airports based upon a legislative formula that considers Economic Impact and Enplanements.
Available to:	Commercial Service airports
Board Approval:	No
Expiration:	Must be encumbered by September 30 of the year following the fiscal year in which the Department makes the allocation.
Match:	No local match requirement.
Relevant Statute:	N.C. G.S. 63-74
Fund Type:	Directed / Upfront funding
Aviation Checklists:	AV-108 – Directed Funding Checklist AV-109 – Proposed Directed Funding Projects Form
Notes:	
References:	https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/Directed%20Funding%20Compliance%20Matrix%20v1%20(1.22.2024).pdf https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/NCDOT%20Aviation%20NCAIP%20Expense%20Reporting%20Presentation%202-1-23_Fund%20Status%20Slides%20Removed_Corrected.pdf

STATE GAL (General Aviation Legislative Fund)

Application and award:	GAL Funds are directed by budget legislation to be appropriated to individual airports for projects with costs determined between the airport and political representative. NCDOA must disperse, monitor, and close.
Available to:	Available to GA airports
Board Approval:	No
Expiration:	June 30, 2024
Match:	No local match requirement
Relevant Statute:	SL 2019-231 SL 2022-74 (ext)
Fund Type:	Directed / Upfront funding
Aviation Checklists:	AV-108 – Directed Funding Checklist AV-109 – Proposed Directed Funding Projects Form
Notes:	Provides funding for the purposes of funding improvements to the airport and paying debt service or related financing costs and expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued by the airport.
References:	https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/Directed%20Funding%20Compliance%20Matrix%20v1%20(1.22.2024).pdf https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/2022%2008%2031%20Briefing%20-%20Process%20for%20Receiving%20and%20Reporting%20on%20SCIF%20Grants.pdf

STATE SCIF (State Capital Improvement Fund)

Application and award:	State Capital Infrastructure Funds are directed by budget legislation to be appropriated through the Office of State Budget Management (OSBM) to individual airports for projects with costs determined between the airport and political representative. NC Department of Aviation must disperse, monitor, and close per MOA with OSBM.
Available to:	Available to both General Aviation & Commercial Service airports
Board Approval:	No
Expiration:	N/A per legislation. Grant agreements have expiration dates which may be extended.
Match:	No local match requirement.
Relevant Statute:	Varies by budget FY22: SL2021-180 FY23: SL2022-74
Fund Type:	Directed / Upfront funding
Aviation Checklists:	AV-108 – Directed Funding Checklist AV-109 – Proposed Directed Funding Projects Form
Notes:	
References:	https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/Directed%20Funding%20Compliance%20Matrix%20v1%20(1.22.2024).pdf https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/2022%2008%2031%20Briefing%20-%20Process%20for%20Receiving%20and%20Reporting%20on%20SCIF%20Grants.pdf https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/2022%2008%2031%20Briefing%20-%20Process%20for%20Receiving%20and%20Reporting%20on%20SCIF%20Grants.pdf

STATE TRDF (Transportation Reserve Directed Funding)

Application and award:	TRDF are directed by budget legislation to be appropriated through NCDOT’s Transportation Reserve to individual airports for projects with costs determined between the airport and political representative.
Available to:	Available to both CS and GA airports
Board Approval:	No
Expiration:	10/3/2025
Match:	No local match requirement.
Relevant Statute:	SL 2023-134
Fund Type:	Directed / Upfront funding
Aviation Checklists:	AV-108 – Directed Funding Checklist AV-109 – Proposed Directed Funding Projects Form
Notes:	
References:	https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/Directed%20Funding%20Compliance%20Matrix%20v1%20(1.22.2024).pdf https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/2023%2012%2015%20Transportation%20Reserve%20Directed%20Fund%20Grants%20Training%20Slides%20plus%20QandA.pdf

FEDERAL AIP Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE)

Application and award:	Entitlements available to sponsors and states Typically, \$150,000 of federal funds.
Available to:	Annually available to GA NPIAS airports that are not deemed unclassified by ASSET.
Board Approval:	ONLY if Safety Enhancement Funds are needed for match
Expiration:	4 years from NCDOT / FAA agreement
Match:	Generally 10% local match, unless Safety Enhancement Match Utilized
Relevant Code:	49 U.S.C., section 47114
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	AV-101 – Request for Aid AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project should be \$25K or more to use (unless supplementing existing federal grant at 100% funding) • If project is less than \$25k then written justification must be provided by APM/FAA • Airports can defer or “bank” NPE funds for up to 4 years. • Must collect in year four or lose funds. • Special conditions apply to each year of funds and may require documentation depending on the project proposed. • Can be transferred between sponsors with required FAA documentation to NCDOA. • Can be combined with some other AIP federal fund types. • Must contribute at least one year toward an awarded Discretionary project. • Use on revenue-generating projects prevents eligibility for Discretionary or Supplemental funds for 3 years • Safety needs must be addressed before funds are used for revenue generating projects
References:	https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/overview 2016 NC Airport PG Handbook.pdf (ncdot.gov)

FEDERAL AIP Apportionment (APP)

Application and award:	Apportioned by FAA to states; Awarded by NCDOT through prioritization, typically \$6M annually Typically utilized to fund projects that were submitted for AIP Discretionary but not awarded. New criteria requiring NCDOT DOA to contribute APP funds towards Discretionary projects.
Available to:	Awarded to GA airports through NCDOA.
Board Approval:	Yes
Expiration:	4 years from NCDOT / FAA agreement
Match:	Generally, 10% local match; unless Safety Enhancement Match or COVID Relief Funds are utilized
Relevant Code:	
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	AV-101 – Request for Aid AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCDOA can use the remaining project funds toward another eligible project. • Can be combined with NPE/DISC. • Special conditions apply to each year of funds and may require documentation depending on the project proposed.
References:	https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/overview 2016 NC Airport PG Handbook.pdf (ncdot.gov)

FEDERAL AIP Discretionary (DISC)

Application and award:	NCDOT submits a 4-year list annually; FAA selects projects depending on funding.
Available to:	Awarded by FAA to GA airports through NCDOT
Board Approval:	No
Expiration:	4 years from NCDOT / FAA agreement
Match:	Generally, 10% local match; unless Safety Enhancement Match or COVID Relief Funds are utilized
Relevant Code:	49 U.S.C., section 47114
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	AV-101 – Request for Aid AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental documentation must be completed and approved by ADO one year prior to funding. • Design must be completed in time to bid for funding distribution (typically March – June). • Funds not used on the assigned project must be returned to FAA. • Can be combined with NPE/APP.
References:	https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/overview 2016 NC Airport PG Handbook.pdf (ncdot.gov)

FEDERAL Supplemental Discretionary (SUPP DISC)

Application and award:	Competitive grant program, selected by FAA HQ, annual NOFO released
Available to:	Awarded by FAA to GA & CS airports
Board Approval:	No
Expiration:	4 years from NCDOT / FAA agreement
Match:	Generally, 10% local match; unless Safety Enhancement Match or COVID Relief Funds are utilized
Relevant Code:	
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	AV-101 – Request for Aid AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the 2018 Reauthorization Act • ADO previously made recommendations, currently managed by FAA HQ • Headquarters announces project, ADO awards to NCDOA based on GA airport application. • Environmental and design do not have to be complete at the time of award.
References:	https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/overview 2016 NC Airport PG Handbook.pdf (ncdot.gov)

FEDERAL BIL Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG)

Application and award:	Airports can submit requests for announced funding at any time. FAA announces funding annually. Funding varies based on NPIAS standings. NCDOT required to submit applications between Oct - June for collection of airport funds. Each application required announcement and approval from HQ before application for funding can be completed with FAA & NCDOT. NCDOT awards to airports.
Available to:	Awarded to GA airports that are not deemed “unclassified.”
Board Approval:	No
Expiration:	Funds expire 4 years from the date of announcement. Once collected, four years from the date of grant execution with FAA/DOA. NCDOT recommends that airports plan and apply for their AIG funds within three years of their availability to prevent the possibility of expiration
Match:	Generally, 10% local match; unless Safety Enhancement Match Funds are utilized
Relevant Code:	Public Law 117-58, Division J, Title VIII 49 U.S.C. § 47128
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	AV-101 – Request for Aid AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five years of funding available from FFY 2022-2026, funds made available annually. • FAA assurances & follow AIP Handbook & PFC eligibility. • Airports need an approved scope and IFE prior to applying. • See NCDOT reference document and powerpoint presentation below.
References:	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Infrastructure Federal Aviation Administration (faa.gov) https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/Documents/FAA%20AIG%20Collection%20Reference%20-%20Jan%202024.pdf PowerPoint Presentation (ncdot.gov)

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BIL Airport Terminals Program (ATP)

Application and award:	Competitive grant program for 2022-2026, application open annually via Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Airports submits applications directly to FAA; NCDOT receives eligible applications from FAA to score in addition to FAA scoring
Available to:	Awarded to GA, CS airports (NCDOT only scores GA)
Board Approval:	No
Expiration:	Encumbrance deadlines vary based on FY announcement. Once funds are encumbered, airports have 4 years to spend before they expire.
Match:	Generally, 5% local match, potential cap on overall award.
Relevant Code:	Public Law 117-58, Division J, Title VIII 49 U.S.C. § 47128
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	AV-101 – Request for Aid AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request
Notes:	Competitive grants for airport terminal development projects that address the aging infrastructure of the nation’s airports. These grants will fund safe, sustainable and accessible airport terminals, on-airport rail access projects and airport-owned airport traffic control towers. Projects may also include multimodal development. Pertinent to consider the airports funding at the time of that design and environmental considerations. In 2023, FAA shared that airports are anticipated to be awarded approximately \$2M in funds per project. GA airports when applying will need to consider other funding sources if over the anticipated amount.
References:	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Infrastructure Federal Aviation Administration (faa.gov) https://www.faa.gov/bil/airport-terminals

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BIL FAA Contract Tower (FCT) Competitive Grant Program

Application and award:	Competitive grant program for 2022-2026, application open annually via Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). NC awards to GA airports are awarded through NCDOA to manage, track, and closeout
Available to:	Awarded to GA, CS airports (NCDOT only scores GA)
Board Approval:	No
Expiration:	Encumbrance deadlines vary based on FY announcement. Once funds are encumbered, airports have 4 years to spend before they expire.
Match:	Generally, 5% local match, potential cap on overall award.
Relevant Code:	49 U.S.C. § 47128
Fund Type:	Reimbursement
Aviation Checklists:	AV-101 – Request for Aid AV-102 – Sponsor Budget Revision and Grant Modification AV-103 – Sponsor Reimbursement Request
Notes:	The purpose of the FCT Competitive Grant Program is to make annual grants available to eligible airports for airport-owned airport traffic control tower (ATCT) projects that address the aging infrastructure of the nation’s airports. In addition, the FCT Competitive Grant Program will align with DOT’s Strategic Framework FY2022–2026 at www.transportation.gov/administrations/office-policy/fy2022-2026-strategic-framework .
References:	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Infrastructure Federal Aviation Administration (faa.gov) 2022-24398.pdf (govinfo.gov)