



EBS/PC User Training Workshop for Airport Sponsors

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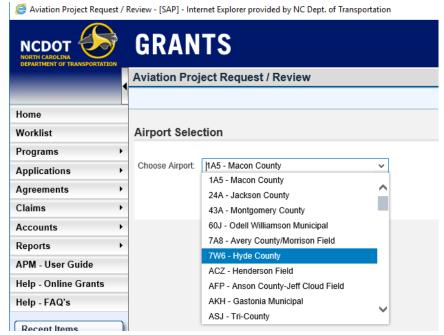


Creating Project Requests in EBS

- Prior to having an award letter that will result in an Agreement, a Project Request <u>MUST</u> be submitted in EBS. No Project Request=No Award=No Agreement=No Claims.
- 2. Creating and Submitting Project Requests is the FIRST step to a grant. From the home page select "Aviation Proj. Request/Review".



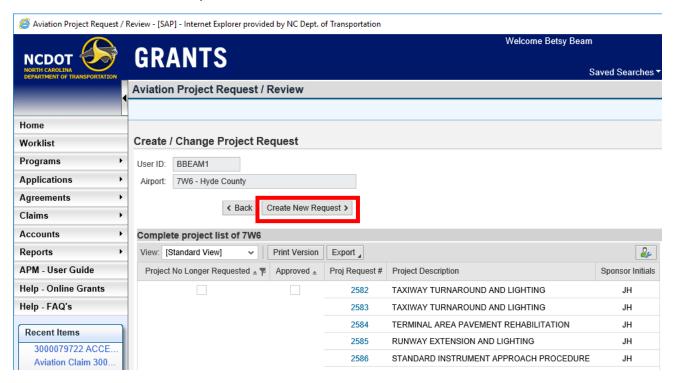
Select your airport from the dropdown menu and select "Next".





Creating Project Requests in EBS

4. Select "Create New Request".

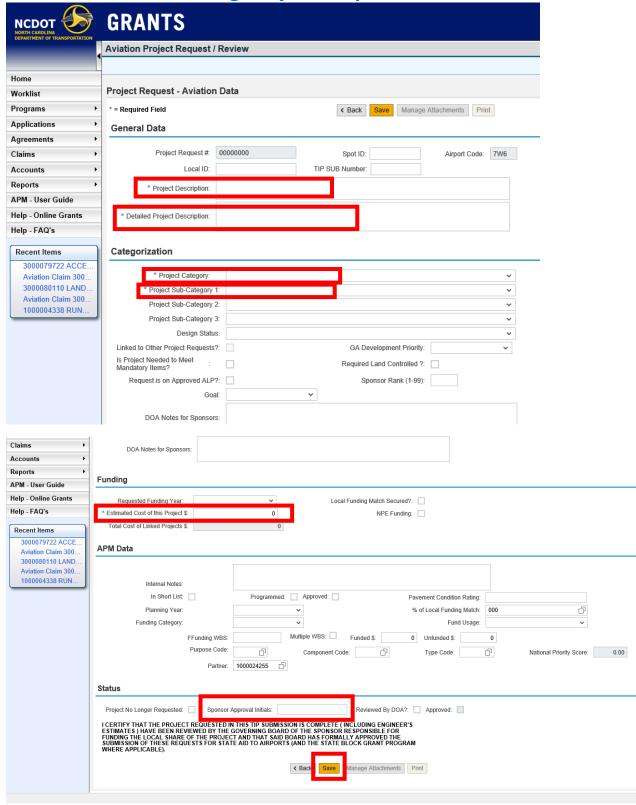


- 5. Enter the Project Request details (required fields include):
 - Description
 - Detailed Description
 - Project Category
 - Project Sub-Category 1
 - Estimated Cost of this Project \$

Providing as much information as possible will minimize review efforts/questions.



Creating Project Requests in EBS



6. Once the Project Request form is satisfactory, type Sponsor Approval Initials, and then select Save. APMs will review and provide comments or questions as needed.

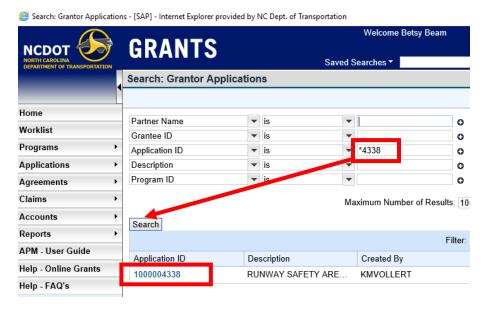


Submitting Applications in EBS

 Once Award Letter has been issued an email with subject title: "Aviation Application 100000#### Created" will be sent. From Grants Home page, select "Change Request for Aid Appl".



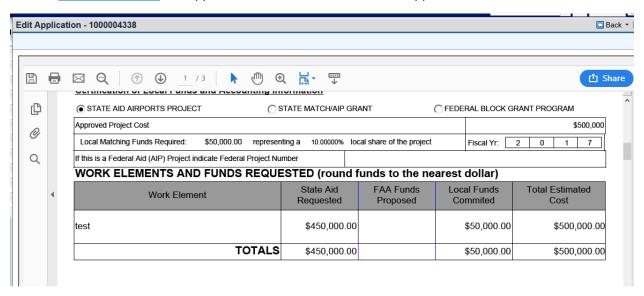
2. Search for the Application by entering the last 4 digits of the application with an asterisk. (Ex. *4338). Select "Search". Then select the Application ID.



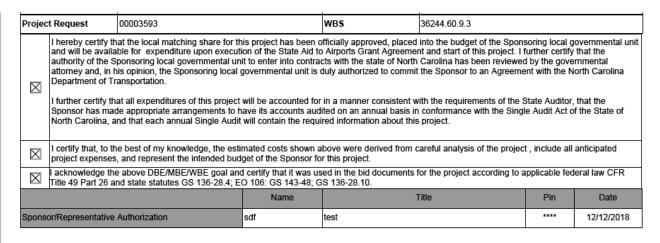


Submitting Applications in EBS

Verify project and contact information is correct, including Federal/State/Local percentages.
 Complete form with A-codes, DBE Goals and cash flow info. Upload pertinent information (see AV-101 Checklist) to support the costs associated with the application.



4. Once the documents are uploaded and the form is satisfactory, type name, title, and PIN and submit.

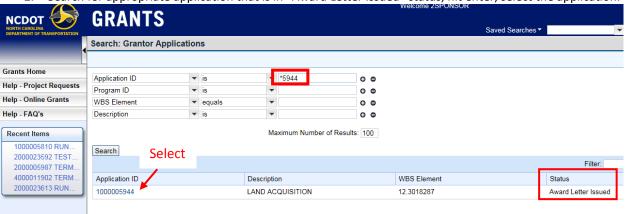


5. Sponsor will receive an email notifying them that the "Unsigned Agreement" was uploaded once the application has gone through internal approvals. Sponsor will have appropriate parties sign agreement and upload to the application and email DOTAviationGrants@ncdot.gov notifying us that the partially signed grant agreement is ready for final signatures.

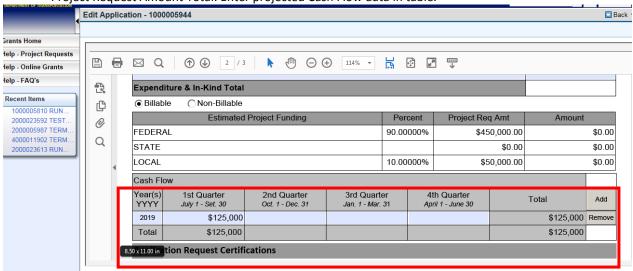
How to Enter Cash Flow Data in NEW Request for Aid (RFA) Application

1. After logging into EBS, select "Change Request for Aid Appl" Home Grants Home Help - Project Requests Search Help - Online Grants Change Request for Aid Appl Help - FAQ's View Grant Agreement Submit Grant Mod Req/QSR Recent Items Edit Grant Mod Reg/QSR New Reimbursement Request 1000005810 RUN. Review Reimbursement Request 2000023592 TEST ... Change Reimbursement Request 2000005987 TERM. View Program/Grants Airport Master Data/Inst. Base 4000011902 TERM. 2000023613 RUN Create Aviation Proj. Request/Review

2. Search for appropriate application that is in "Award Letter Issued" status, hit enter, select the application.

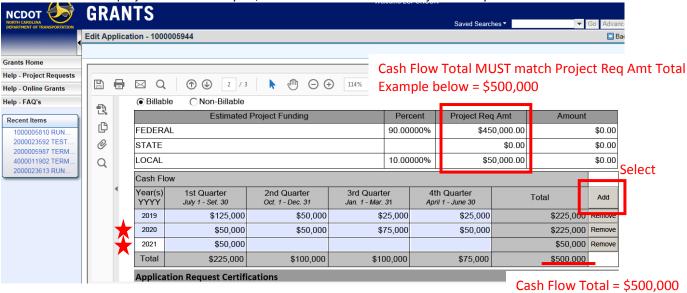


 After entering other pertinent info, scroll to the second page and find the Cash Flow table. Cash Flow Total <u>MUST</u> match Project Request Amount Total. Enter projected Cash Flow data in table.

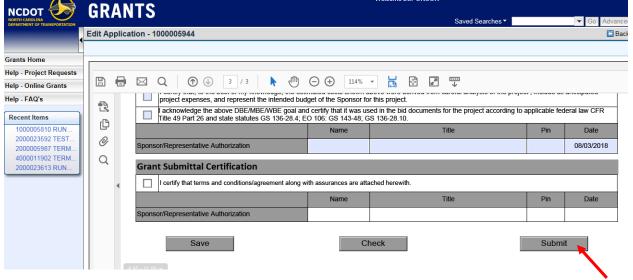


How to Enter Cash Flow Data in NEW Request for Aid (RFA) Application

4. If Cash Flow projections exceed 1 year, select "Add" to add a row. It's just as easy to "Remove" the row as well.



5. Review application. If no changes are needed, proceed to PIN and Submit as usual.



For more information watch this instructional YouTube video:

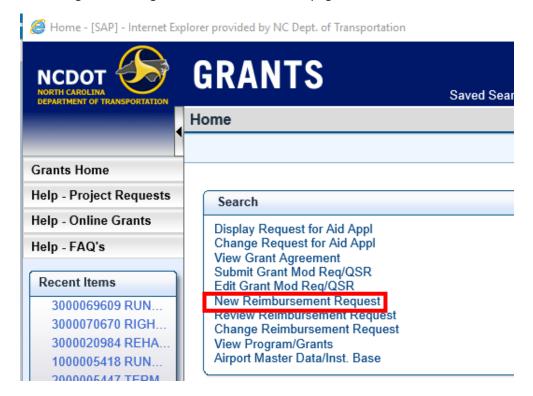
https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=x9A8b4mYWao

Cash Flow instructions at 05:39 mark

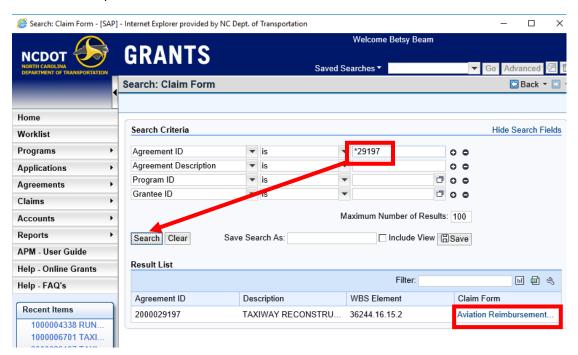


Submitting Claims in EBS

1. Once an Agreement is established the sponsor is allowed to request Reimbursements/Advances against said Agreement. From the home page select "New Reimbursement Request".



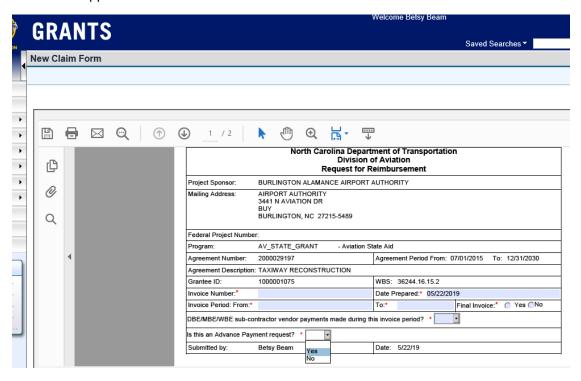
2. Search for Agreement by entering the last 5 digits of the agreement with an asterisk. (Ex. *29197). Select "Search". Then select the Aviation Reimbursement.



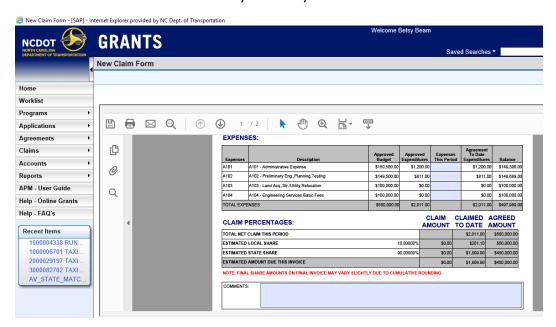


Submitting Claims in EBS

3. Verify project and contact information is correct. Input required data paying close attention to details (see <u>DETAILS MATTER</u>). Only select "Yes" this is an Advance Payment request if ALL of the payment verification will not be provided. Upload pertinent information (see <u>AV-103 Checklist</u>) to support the costs associated with the claim.



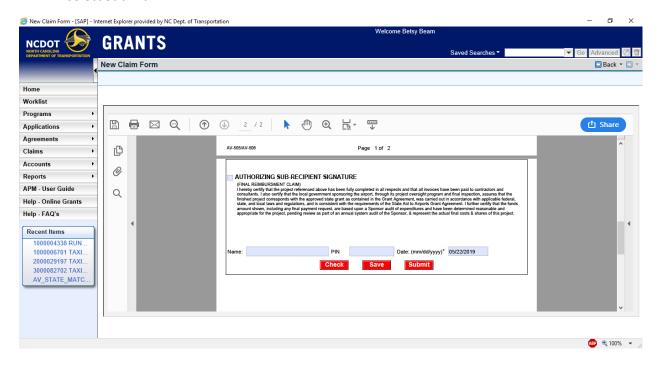
4. Enter A-code amounts and any necessary comments.





Submitting Claims in EBS

5. Once the documents are uploaded and the form is satisfactory, type name and PIN, and then select Submit.



6. Sponsor will be notified via email once the claim has been Approved/Returned/Rejected.



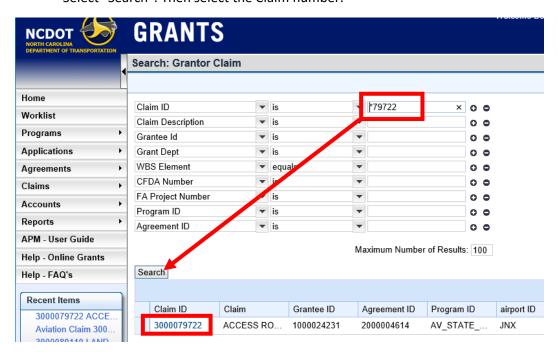
Revising Claims in EBS

1. Once a Claim has been submitted to DoA, if revisions need to be made to the claim form then DoA will RETURN the claim noting the requested changes. Select "Change Reimbursement Request".

Note: Sponsors can upload additional documentation at any time without the Claim being returned.



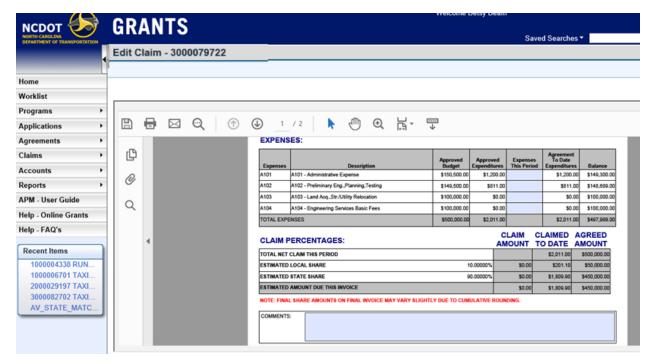
2. Search for the Claim by entering the last 5 digits of the claim with an asterisk. (Ex. *79722). Select "Search". Then select the Claim number.



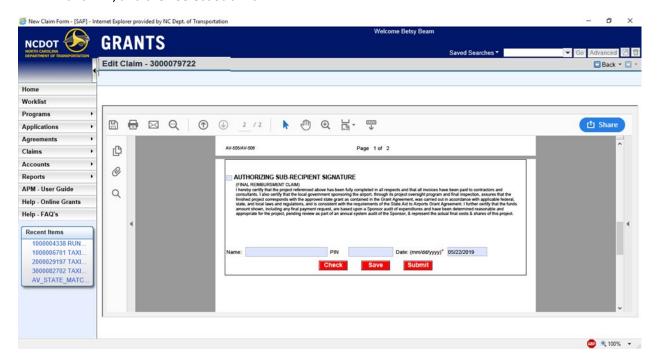


Revising Claims in EBS

Make any necessary changes to the claim form including A-code expenses and comments.



4. Upload any additional documents (such as Payment Verifications that are now available or revised documents to support the changes made) and once the form is satisfactory, type name and PIN, and then select Submit.

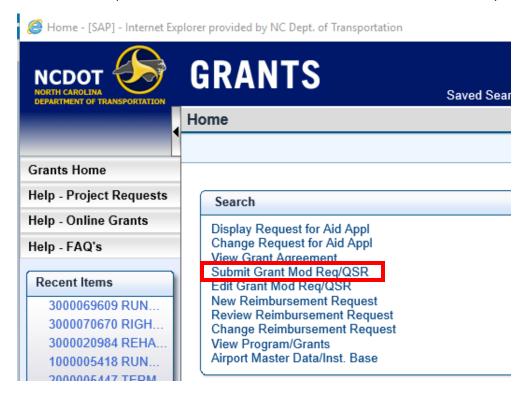


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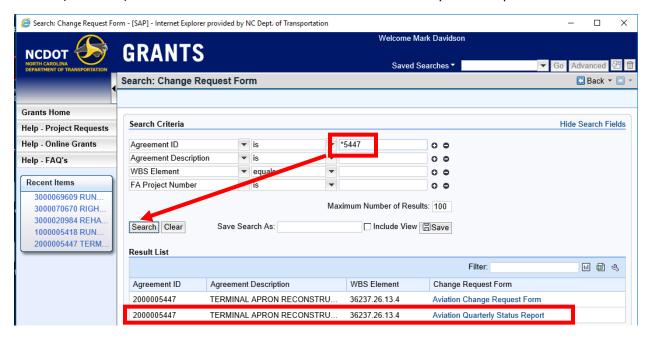


Submitting QSRs in EBS

1. From Grants Home page, select "Submit Grant Mod Req/QSR". If you previously started a Grant Mod Req/QSR but haven't submitted it, then select "Edit Grant Mod Req/QSR".



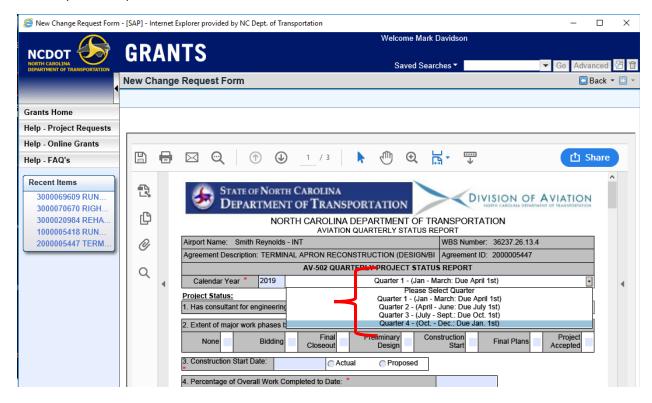
2. Search for the Grant Agreement by entering the last 4 digits of the agreement with an asterisk. (Ex. *5447). Select "Search". Then select the "Aviation Quarterly Status Report".



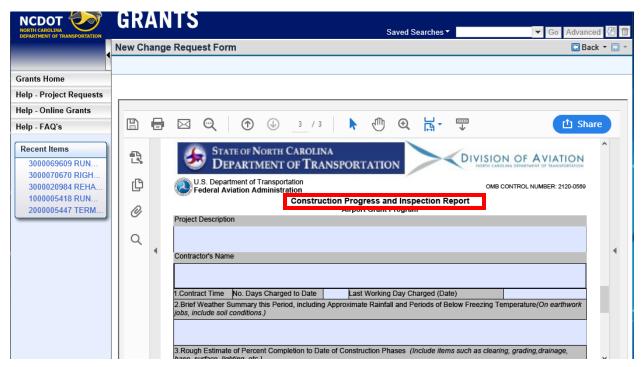


Submitting QSRs in EBS

3. Verify project information is correct. Select quarter for which you're reporting on, typing in the year. Complete form.



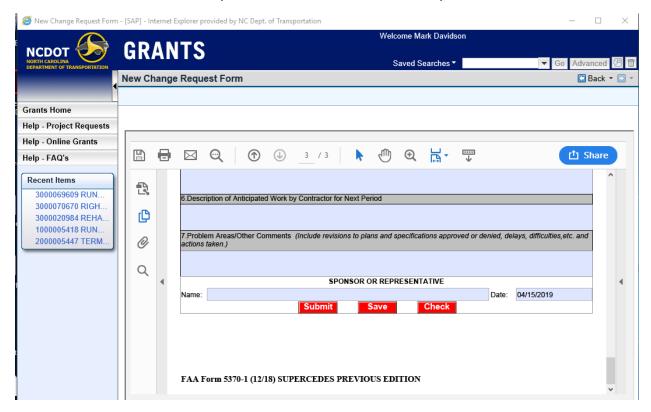
4. Once a claim has been submitted containing Construction charges (anything billed to A106) then the 3rd page of the QSR form <u>must</u> also be completed. Projects that have <u>not</u> billed A106 are not subject to the Construction portion of the QSR form.





Submitting QSRs in EBS

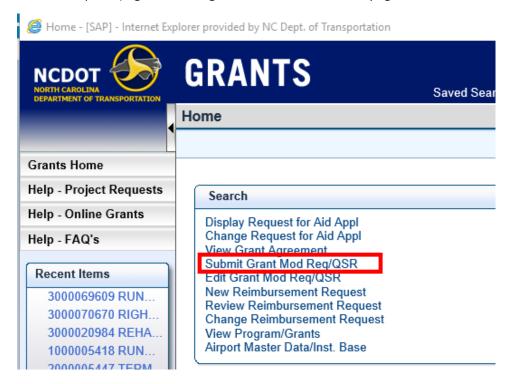
5. Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of the form to enter your name and "Submit".



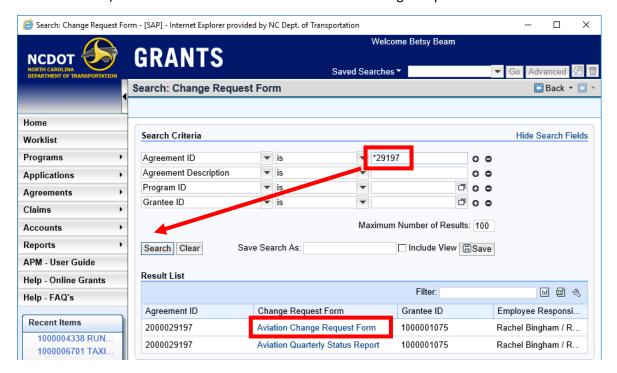


Submitting Non-Amount Grant Mod (Change Request) in EBS

 Once an Agreement is established the sponsor is allowed to submit Grant Mod (Change Requests) against said Agreement. From the home page select "Submit Grant Mod Req/QSR".



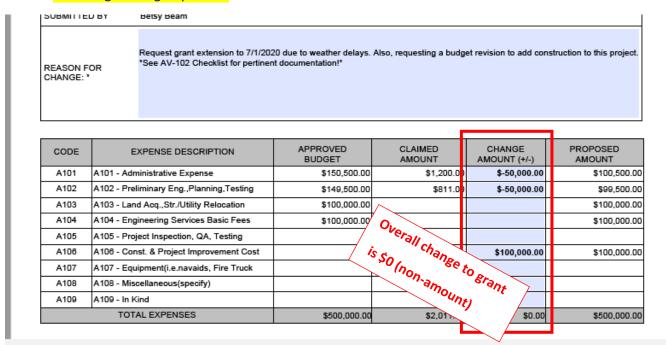
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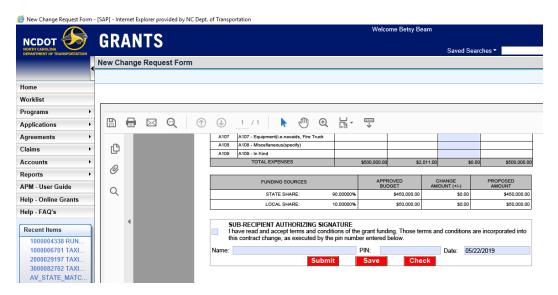


Submitting Non-Amount Grant Mod (Change Request) in EBS

 Verify project and contact information is correct. Input required data paying close attention to details (see <u>DETAILS MATTER</u>). Upload pertinent information (see <u>AV-102 Checklist</u>) to support the changes being requested.



4. Once the documents are uploaded and the form is satisfactory, type name and PIN, and then select Submit.



Sponsor will be notified via email once the Change Request has been Approved/Returned/Rejected.

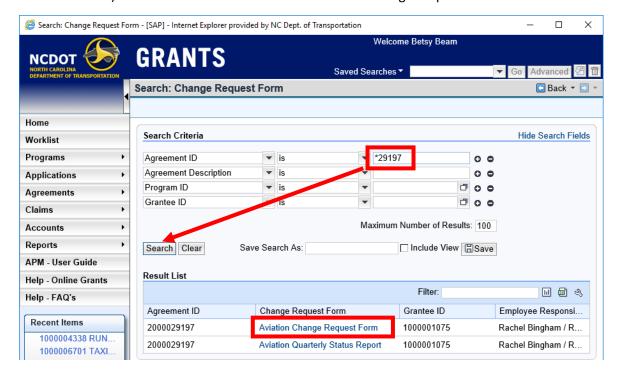


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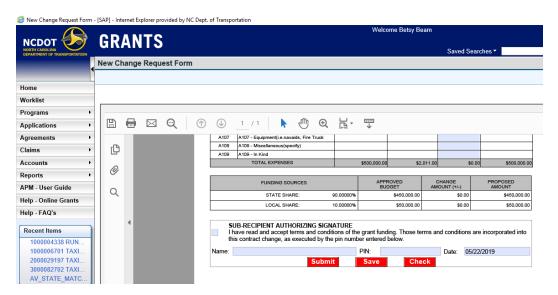
Submitting Grant Mod (Change Requests) in EBS

 Verify project and contact information is correct. Input required data paying close attention to details (see <u>DETAILS MATTER</u>). Upload pertinent information (see <u>AV-102 Checklist</u>) to support the changes being requested. <u>Awarded amount vs documentation amount</u>



CODE	EXPENSE DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET	CLAIMED AMOUNT	CHANGE AMOUNT (+/-)	PROPOSED AMOUNT
A101	A101 - Administrative Expense	\$150,500.00	\$1,200.0	\$250.00	\$150,750.00
A102	A102 - Preliminary Eng.,Planning,Testing	\$149,500.00	\$811.0)	\$149,500.00
A103	A103 - Land Acq.,Str./Utility Relocation	\$100,0			\$100,000.00
A104	A104 - Engineering Services Basic Fees	\$100	erau		\$100,000.00
A105	A105 - Project Inspection, QA, Testing	İsa	char		
A106	A108 - Const. & Project Improvement Cost	255	So i nge to		
A107	A107 - Equipment(i.e.navaids, Fire Truck		So (increased	9pt	
A108	A108 - Miscellaneous(specify)		cased.	"	
A109	A109 - In Kind		amo)	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$500,000.00	So lincreased amo	\$250.00	\$500,250.00
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4. Once the documents are uploaded and the form is satisfactory, type name and PIN, and then select Submit.



5. Sponsor will be notified via email once the Change Request has been Approved/Returned/Rejected.



General

- Iran Divestment Act certification is no longer required.
- 2. Hard copies of grant agreements and FAA AIP Certifications no longer need to be mailed to the Division.
- 3. Notify Grants Staff or your APM of upcoming Board meetings if an application needs to be expedited; we'll do our best to accommodate.
- Remember to use the established Naming Convention when uploading documents in EBS/PC. Eventually, this will become a dropdown list that will be required.
- 5. State funding will expire after two years rather than four.
- 6. **Applications** in EBS/PC start with **1**00000xxxx.
- 7. Agreements in EBS/PC start with 200000xxxx.
- 8. <u>Claims</u> (Reimbursements/Advances) in EBS/PC start with <u>3</u>00000xxxx.
- 9. Change Requests in EBS/PC start with 400000xxxx.

Request for Aid Applications

- 1. AV-500 (Certification of Local Funds) is no longer required.
- 2. RS-2 forms (prime or subs) are no longer required.
- Sponsors are no longer required to second PIN the RFA after the Department signs the agreement. It has been removed.
- 4. Using DocuSign to sign grant agreements expedites approval process.
- Remember to email
 <u>DOTAviationGrants@ncdot.gov</u> when
 uploading a partially signed (by the sponsor)
 grant agreement or AIP Certifications.
 (Do NOT mail hard copies.)
- FAA AIP Certifications are only applicable to federally funded projects (WBS starts with 36237); DO NOT UPLOAD FOR STATE FUNDED PROJECTS.
- 7. FAA AIP Certifications there are 7 of them. All must be completed. Don't skip questions. Be sure to include pertinent project information at the top of each Certification. Each Certification must be signed and dated.

Change Requests

- QSRs are now submitted via the Change Request module.
- The Quarters and their due dates have NOT changed.

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- 3. There are 3 pages to the QSR module. The last page requires name and date.
- The Construction portion of the QSR (3rd page) must be completed once charges against the Construction line item (A106) have been submitted.
- 5. Extension Requests (previously AV-507) are now submitted via the Change Request module.

Claims

- 1. Prior to submitting a Claim Form, review in detail to avoid delays and returns.
- 2. Invoice # = sequential numbering (First Invoice = 1, Second Invoice = 2, etc.); not Invoice # ex. 113402.
- 3. If no vendor payments were made during this claim period, mark "No". If "Yes" is marked, a signed AV509-510 form must be provided showing vendor payment details.
- 4. If this is NOT a FINAL claim request, mark "No". If "Yes" is marked, closeout documentation must be provided.
- 5. For Resident Project Representative (RPR) direct costs, a completed RPR form is required (or an equivalent). Meals are only eligible when employee is in overnight status. However, hours must be included to determine meal eligibility. (Ex. If employee returned home/work by noon, dinner for that same night is not eligible-current eligible costs are posted on the DoA website.)
- 6. Certified Payroll Reports (Federal Form WH-347) must be attached to all A106 expenses for federally-financed construction projects.
- 7. The 60-day assurance is in effect. The date the claim is submitted must be 60 days or LESS than when the check was paid.
- 8. For Advance requests, payment verification must be uploaded to coinciding claim within 10 days, showing that payment was made within 3-business days of claim approval.

Before submitting a claim, ask:

- Is the grant expired?
- Are the QSRs current?
- What number claim is this? (ex: 4th claim = 4, not the Invoice #113402)
- Were there vendor payments this period?
- Is this a Final claim?
- Is this an Advance Payment request? If the answer is "No", then payment verification for all costs in that particular claim must be provided.





Date:	Airport:		WBS No:	
Application #:	100000	Description:		

AV-101: Sponsor Request For Aid (RFA) Checklist

Sponsor use when submitting requests for aid (RFA) to NCDOT-DOA

Section 1: General RFA Requirements

Section 2: RFA Requirements for Construction

Section 3: RFA Requirements for <u>Professional Services</u> **Section 4:** RFA Requirements for <u>Land Acquisition</u>

Review the applicable sections to the project. If all the applicable items on this checklist are not provided, the submission package will be considered incomplete and returned. This checklist covers the minimum requirements for a Request for Aid. Please contact your APM if you have additional questions. Grant agreements may be signed through DocuSign to help expedite the application process. Interested Sponsors should contact the Finance and Grants staff.

\square	Activity	Notes	Submit Via
1	General RFA Requirements for All Projects		
	AV-508: Pre-Bid DBE/MBE/WBE Goal Notification & Certification	See <u>DBE/WBE/MBE guidance</u> for information on goal setting.	Partner Connect- Request for Aid
	AV-509/AV-510: DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB Vendor Commitments/Awards/Payments AND AV-511, if applicable: Letter of Intent to Perform as Subcontractor (only applies if you do not have a contract)	See DBE/WBE/MBE guidance for information.	Partner Connect- Request for Aid
	Work Authorization **Must be executed prior to first reimbursement or advance request	Agreements/Proposals including estimated manhours for Subcontractor(s) are required. Work Authorization is required ONLY if there are professional services.	Partner Connect- Request for Aid
	Sketch or Drawing of Project Area		То АРМ
	Project Schedule		To APM
	Cash Flow	This is required even if there is no local match. Must be uploaded into RFA. If the RFA was issued prior to July 1, 2018 and doesn't have the Cash Flow template, we will accept a PDF version.	Partner Connect- RFA Application
	Project Budget and Expense Summary	Include airport name, project descriptions, WBS number, and description of expenses and costs.	Partner Connect- Request for Aid
	In Kind Summary (if applicable)	Tracking spreadsheet showing deductions.	Partner Connect- Request for Aid
	Justification of A-101 expenses (if applicable)		Partner Connect- Request for Aid
	Sponsor AIP certifications (7 total) **if applicable	Executed Federal Block Grant AIP Sponsor Certifications (federal agreements only) must be uploaded prior to final approval of the RFA. Please use most current version of the certifications located on the State Block Program website .	Partner Connect- Request for Aid





\square	Activity	Notes	Submit Via		
2	RFA Requirements for Construction				
	Construction Contract	Supporting documentation includes: 1. Advertisement to Bid 2. Certified Bid Tab	Partner Connect- Request for Aid		
	Change Order (if applicable)		Partner Connect- Request for Aid		
3	RFA Requirements for <u>Professional Services</u>				
	Independent Fee Estimate if professional services >\$100,000	Independent Fee Appraisal if professional services range from \$10,000 to \$100,000	То АРМ		

	RFA Requirements for <u>Land Acquisition</u>
4	Please contact your Airport Project Manager and review the <u>AV-100</u> (NCDOT GA Program Development Checklist)
	requirements for Land Acquisition.





Date:	Airport:		WBS	No:
Change Request No:	40000	Description:		
change nequest No.	10000	Description.		

AV-102: Sponsor Budget Revision & Grant Modification Request Checklist

Sponsor use when submitting a Change Request (Budget Revision or Grant Modification) to NCDOT-DOA

Section 1: General Requirements

Section 2: Grant Modification and Budget Revision Requirements

Section 3: Grant Modification Only Requirements

\square	Activity	Notes	Submit Via		
1	(b) If the new total project cost exceeds the previously awarded grant amount or the project description changes, a Grant Modification is required If additional State or Apportionment (Federal) funds are needed, a request has to go to the Board of Transportation (BOT). Communicate to your APM the reason for the additional funds. They may require additional documentation to justify the additional funds.				
	The BOT approval process can take 3-4 months, so If additional requested funds are Non-Primary Entitle		•		
	Before submitting a grant modification, please send (a) Updated Sketch or Drawing of Project Area (b) Updated Project Schedule & Cash Flow	the following to your APM, if applicable	:		
2	The following items are required for both a Grant M	Iodification and Budget Revision:			
	"Reason for Change" - Explanation of need for grant modification or budget revision (submitted via online form)	Include request for grant extension, if expired	Partner Connect- Change Request		
	AV-502: Quarterly Status Report(s) (QSR)	QSR(s) should be current up to most recently completed quarter. The QSRs are automated in EBS/Partner Connect. The nonconstruction QSR is required through the design/bid phase. The construction QSR is required with the first construction payment request.	Partner Connect- Grant Agreement		
	AV-508: Pre-Bid DBE/MBE/WBE Goal Notification & Certification	Required when adding construction to the scope of the project. See DBE/WBE/MBE guidance for information on goal setting. Contact your APM if the construction funds (A106) have increased to determine if any DBE/WBE/MBE goals have changed.	Partner Connect- Change Request		
	AV-509/AV-510: DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB Vendor Commitments/Awards/Payments OR AV-511: Letter of Intent to Perform as Subcontractor (only applies if you do not have a subcontractor)	Required when adding construction to the scope of the project. See DBE/WBE/MBE guidance for information.	Partner Connect- Change Request		
	AV-512: DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB Request Replacement	Required when contractor wants to request a replacement of a currently contracted DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB. Replacement of a DBE	Partner Connect- Change Request		





Ø	Activity	Notes	Submit Via
		without written approval from NCDOT is a violation of contract provisions and may result in the Contractor being disqualified from bidding for a period of up to 6 months	
	Revised Project Budget and Expense Summary	Include airport name, project descriptions, WBS number, and description of expenses and costs.	Partner Connect- Change Request
	Justification of A-101 expenses (if applicable)		Partner Connect- Change Request
	Work Authorization Amendment w/Proposal(s) **Must be executed prior to next claim	Agreements/Proposals including estimated manhours for Subcontractor(s) are required. Work Authorization Amendments are required ONLY if there are professional services. (Example: CA & RPR services with construction)	Partner Connect- Change Request
	Construction Contract (if applicable)	Only applicable if construction is being added to the grant. Must be executed prior to next reimbursement or advance request (claim) covering those services included in the modification.	Partner Connect- Change Request
	Supporting documentation for Construction (if applicable)	1. Advertisement to Bid 2. Certified Bid Tab If this Change Request is based on a construction estimate (not contract), then the above documentation, as well as Pre-Construction documentation should be available when submitting the next reimbursement or advance (claim) for a project.	Partner Connect- Change Request
	Executed Construction Contract Change Order (if applicable)	Supporting documentation for change order must be submitted. Must be executed prior to next reimbursement or advance request (claim) covering those services included in the modification.	Partner Connect- Change Request
	In-Kind Summary Report (if applicable)	Please include tracking spreadsheet showing deductions.	Partner Connect- Change Request
	Updated Sketch or Drawing of Project Area (if applicable)		То АРМ
	Updated Project Schedule (if applicable)		То АРМ
	Updated Cash Flow (if applicable)		Partner Connect- Change Request

Date:	Airport:		WBS No:	
Aviation Claim No:	30000	Description:		

AV-103: Sponsor Reimbursement or Advance Request (Claim) Checklist Sponsor use when submitting reimbursement or advance requests to NCDOT-DOA

Use: Submitting reimbursement or advance requests to the Division of Aviation for professional services (preliminary engineering, RPR, CA) and construction. Note that each request can involve multiple invoices of different types. For property-related requests, please reference AV-100 (NCDOT GA Program Development Checklist, page 2).

If all of the applicable items on this checklist are not met, the submission package will be considered incomplete and returned. This checklist covers the minimum requirements for a reimbursement or advance request. Please contact your APM to determine if your project has additional requirements.

\square	Activity	Notes	Submit Via	
If a <u>budget or grant modification</u> is required, go to the <u>AV-102</u> (Sponsor Budget Revision & Grant Modification Request				
Checklist) for further instructions before submitting a reimbursement or advance request. Situations that would require a				
budget or grant modification include: Project description (scope) changes, additional funds, and/or moving money				
betwee	n A-codes on the project budget.			

If this is an <u>initial reimbursement or advance request</u>, all executed Work Authorizations and Construction contracts with supporting documentation are required.

If this is a <u>final reimbursement or advance request/close out</u>, submit the required documents on page 2 in addition to the documents specified below.

Each reimbursement or advance request submitted must be rounded **<u>UP</u>** to the nearest whole dollar.

1	For ALL reimbursement or advance requests:		
	Review executed Grant Agreement – If expired, need to request extension of time in Partner Connect.		Partner Connect - Grant Agreement
	AV-502: Submit Quarterly Status Report(s) (QSR) or FAA Form 5370-1 to cover the most recently completed quarter.	QSR(s) are required from NTP through the most recently completed quarter. The QSRs are automated in EBS/Partner Connect. The non-construction QSR is required through the design/bid phase. The construction QSR is required with the first construction payment request.	Partner Connect - Grant Agreement
	AV-509/AV-510: DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB Vendor Forms (signed by Sponsor and Contractor)	See DBE/WBE/MBE guidance	Partner Connect - Claim
	AV-515: Reimbursement or Advance Request Summary	Summary sheet should list associated invoices and categorize expenses by A-Code. Review Aviation Line Item Descriptions for proper use of A-Code(s), unit costs, description of work completed, consistency with Work Authorization, correct percentage complete and resulting payment calculations, and total sums, etc. **CHECK MATH**	Partner Connect · Claim
	Sponsor Payment verification is required.	Acceptable documents include: copy of cancelled check or screen shot in accounting system showing check cleared. Please upload all documents to the actual claim it is supporting.	Partner Connect
	If this is an Advance, Sponsor <u>must</u> pay all contractors/vendors prior to or within 3 business days of receipt of the Department's reimbursement.	Noncompliant sponsors will be notified and this will be considered in the Risk Monitoring Plan. Please upload all documents ASAP to the actual claim it is supporting.	N/A
	If this is a Reimbursement, verify the Date of Check is within 60-days of claim submittal date.	Noncompliant sponsors will be notified and this will be considered in the Risk Monitoring Plan.	N/A

	In-Kind Summary Report (if applicable)	Tracking spreadsheet showing deductions.	Partner Connect – Claim
\square	Activity	Notes	Submit Via
2	IF: This reimbursement or advance requ THEN: Submit these items:	uest contains <u>consulting services</u>	
	<u>Invoices and receipts</u> to support request.	Documentation required depends on contract type. (i.e., lump sum or cost-plus)	Partner Connect – Claim
	RPR Form (or equivalent) for Non- Salary Direct Costs	EQUIVALENT FORM MUST INCLUDE THESE REQUIREMENTS: Employee; Firm; WBS; Travel Date(s); Start/Stop Hours; Hours Not Worked; Start/Stop Location; Purpose of Trip; Mileage Rate; Miles Driven; Lodging Rate; Lodging Tax. Travel expenses incurred in a single trip must be submitted on the same claim.	Partner Connect – Claim
3	IF: This reimbursement or advance requ THEN: Submit these items:	uest contains <u>construction</u>	
	Executed Construction Contract	Initial reimbursement or advance request (claim) will not be paid until executed construction contract is submitted.	Partner Connect – Grant Agreement
	Pre-Construction Meeting Documentation	Initial reimbursement or advance request (claim) will not be paid until supporting documentation (including agenda/minutes/attendance) is submitted.	Partner Connect – Grant Agreement
	Pay Application/Pay Estimate for Prime Contractor(s) to support request.	If retainage is reduced prior to final contractor invoice, a Partial Waiver of Lien is required. Submit Contractor's certified sales tax statement, including correct percentage complete and resulting payment calculations. Ensure total sum excludes sales tax.	Partner Connect– Claim
	Certified Payroll Reports (WITHOUT Social Security Numbers, please redact this info.)	For Federally Funded projects <u>ONLY</u>	Partner Connect– Claim
	AV-512 DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB Request Replacement Form	If applicable	Partner Connect Claim
4	IF: This reimbursement or advance requ THEN: Verify the following items from t	uest contains a <u>final construction invoice</u> he AV-100 have been submitted:	
	Contractor's Affidavit of Payment of Debts and Claims (sometimes also called Final Waiver of Lien or Affidavit of Release of Liens)	If the dollar amount on the waiver is <u>NOT</u> zero, a payment verification for the exact amount shown on the waiver <u>MUST</u> be included. Example: AIA G706	Partner Connect - Claim
	Notarized Consent of Surety with Power of Attorney if bank handled funding (if applicable)	Example: AIA G707	Partner Connect - Claim
	Separate Releases or Waivers of Liens from Subcontractors (if applicable)		Partner Connect - Claim
	Final Change Orders with all supporting documentation (if applicable)		Partner Connect - Claim
	<u>Final Statement Letter</u> from contractor (2012 DOT Standard Spec 107-24 & 109-10)	Letter should state that Contractor has no request for any extension in the completion date or any adjustment in compensation from that shown in the final estimate.	Partner Connect - Claim
	Contractor Warranty Statement from the contractor complying with contract		Partner Connect - Claim
	AV-514: DBE Payment Shortfall Form (if applicable)		Partner Connect - Claim
	Payment verification: i.e., cancelled checks	Contact the NCDOA Grants Administrator if you require accommodations to meet this requirement.	Partner Connect - Claim

	Final Engineer's report and required documents per APM	Contact the NCDOA APM if you have questions	To APM (submit electronically)
5	IF: This reimbursement or advance request contains <u>final professional services invoice</u> THEN: Verify the following items from the AV-100 have been submitted		
	Engineer's Design Report and necessary documents per APM	Contact the NCDOA APM if you have questions	To APM (submit electronically)
	Payment verification: i.e., cancelled checks	Contact the NCDOA Grants Administrator if you require accommodations to meet this requirement.	Partner Connect - Claim
6	IF: This reimbursement or advance request contains land.acquisition THEN: Submit a separate binder to include items on the AV-100 checklist NOTE: All costs associated with land go under A103 (Land Acquisition & Easements)		



GRANT UPDATES

DECEMBER 2018

In October 2018, the Division of Aviation Lean Six Sigma Team completed its *Streamlining the Aviation Grant Application Process Project.* This year-long effort identified opportunities to improve grant workflow efficiency and deliver better customer service to its airport sponsors. On December 13, 2018, the Division will introduce 18 grants updates and changes to help accomplish these goals. These improvements, which will also more fully align the Division and its sponsors with state and federal grant regulations, are listed below and affect grant agreements, grant documents, EBS/Partner Connect, claims, and compliance monitoring. This communication is being provided so that airport sponsors may review these updates and changes and make any necessary adjustments to their own workflow ahead of implementation.

GRANT AGREEMENTS

- 1. Grant agreement language has been updated. The Division has revised its grant agreement language and will be using three different grant agreement documents: state-funded, federal-funded, and splitfunded grants. Sponsors should review the new grant agreement language entirely. The most notable changes include: clearer verbiage for period of performance, preaward costs, and change order eligibility; current Title VI assurances; a simpler signature page; clarification of reimbursements and advance payments; a 60-day claim requirement for reimbursements; and clarification of the three business day requirement for advanced funds.
- 2. Grant agreements may be signed through DocuSign. The sponsor has the option to use DocuSign as a legal signature on the grant agreement. Interested sponsors should contact a member of the Finance and Grants staff or their APM for more information.
- **3. State funding will expire after two years rather than four.** This change aligns with the state's biennial budget schedule and NCDOT policy that project funds may be reserved for a maximum of two years. Federal funding will remain on a four year schedule.
- 4. Grant agreements with federal funds will reference and include a cover letter outlining the sources and expiration dates of federal funds. This change helps ensure compliance with period of performance requirements outlined in 2 CFR 200.309.

EBS/PARTNER CONNECT

- 1. Sponsors are no longer required to second PIN the Request for Aid (RFA) after the Department signs the application. The second PIN was determined to be unnecessary and will be removed from the RFA.
- 2. Naming conventions will be required in an upcoming EBS/Partner Connect system update. Effective Spring 2019 (expected), the system will require sponsors to choose a document type from a drop down box before a document can be uploaded.

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We are proud to serve the State of North Carolina and its vital airport system. Please feel free to contact us or your APM with questions about these improvements to our grants program.

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GRANT DOCUMENTATION

- **1. Sponsors are not required to upload RS-2 forms for the** *grants* **process.** The NCDOT Office of Civil Rights has determined that the RS-2 form duplicates effort as this information is already in the Work Authorization. Therefore, RS-2 forms are no longer required for the *grant* process but are still required for on-call projects.
- 2. Certified payroll reports (Federal Form WH-347) must be attached to all A106 expenses for federally-financed construction projects. A recent audit of the Division's federal grants required that the reports be attached in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act.
- 3. There are now two different Quarterly Status Reports: construction and non-construction. This is automated in EBS/Partner Connect. The non-construction QSR will be required through the design/bid phase. The construction QSR will be required with the first construction reimbursement request. Signed QSRs are required for the quarter in which the grant is executed and every completed quarter up to the time of closeout.
- **4. Sponsors will receive an automated email reminder when QSRs are due.** Expected to launch in January 2019, sponsors will receive only one email regardless of how many open grants the sponsor has.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

- 1. The Division is developing a risk-based subrecipient compliance monitoring plan. Beginning in Spring 2019 (expected), the Division will use information gathered from sponsors on an Internal Control Questionnaire, past audits, financial and programmatic compliance records, and other sources to conduct a risk assessment. The results of the assessment will determine the process routine monitoring, desk review, or on-site review used to prioritize airport projects and ensure sponsor compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and terms of the grant agreement.
- 2. The Division will launch an Internal Control Questionnaire. The questionnaire will be used to assess the design of internal controls at each airport, training needs, and any opportunities or challenges that need to be addressed. The questionnaire will be sent to sponsors via SurveyMonkey. Information from the questionnaire will be used in the assessment described above.

CLAIMS

- 1. The claim form now includes a drop-down menu for the sponsor to indicate whether the claim is a request for advance payment or reimbursement. Requests for advance payment (payment has not yet been made to the vendor) and reimbursement (payment has been made to the vendor) cannot be combined on one form because different rules apply to each.
- 2. Advanced funds must be disbursed within three business days. When requesting advanced funds, the sponsor must check the box on the claim form certifying its need for advanced funds for an approved project expense and that the payment will be made within three business days. The disbursement within three business days will be verified on the Division's next payment verification check.
- 3. Reimbursement claims must be submitted to the Division within 60 days of payment to the vendor. If an expense was incurred prior to an executed grant agreement and is an allowable cost in the approved project budget, a claim for reimbursement must be submitted within 60 days of the executed grant agreement.
- **4. Each claim submitted must be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.** This change will help the Division align the EBS/Partner Connect system to the Department's financial system. When a claim is submitted, the sponsor must round up to the nearest dollar before submitting the claim to the Division.
- **5.** The Division will adhere to the NCDOT standard fee (profit margin). As of January 2018, the standard fee for professional services contracts is 9%. The Division will automatically adopt any future changes to the Department's standard fee.
- **6. The RPR form (travel expenses) has been updated.** When claiming travel expenses, sponsors must complete and attach an RPR form and all required source documentation (i.e., hotel receipts, mileage logs, preapproval for overages, etc.) to the claim. Sponsors may use an equivalent travel form, but it must include all of the information required on the RPR.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation with our grant program improvements. We welcome your feedback before and after our December 13, 2018 implementation.



GRANT UPDATES

FEBRUARY 2019

In December 2018, the Division of Aviation introduced 18 grant updates and changes to help improve grant workflow efficiency and deliver better customer service to airport sponsors. Your cooperation and feedback over the last two months have greatly contributed to the successful implementation of these improvements. The following updates, changes, and guidance are largely based on input received from sponsors, consultants, Airport Project Managers, and others. They are effective immediately unless otherwise noted. Also included are several reminders and clarification about December 2018 updates, which we hope you will find helpful. Thank you for your continued assistance and support of our grant program.

EBS/PARTNER CONNECT

- 1. A waiver of lien is required with the final construction invoice. If the dollar amount on the waiver is not zero, a payment verification for the exact amount shown on the waiver must be included. Please note that a final construction invoice may not necessarily be a final *grant* invoice.
- 2. Reminder that naming conventions will be required in an upcoming EBS/Partner Connect system update. Beginning in early Spring 2019, EBS/Partner Connect will require sponsors to choose a document type from a drop-down box before a document can be uploaded.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

- 1. Reminder that the Division is developing a risk-based subrecipient compliance monitoring plan.

 Beginning in Spring 2019 (expected), the Division will use information gathered from sponsors on the Internal Control Questionnaire and other provided sources to conduct a risk assessment, which will help DoA prioritize airport projects and ensure sponsor compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and terms of the grant agreement.
- 2. The Division is working with NCDOT and the FAA to revise the AV-509/510 form by Summer 2019. This will allow for more consistent reporting of DBE/WBE/MBE goals and all vendor payments to ensure compliance with federal and state requirements.

GRANT AGREEMENTS

1. Reminder that grant agreements may be signed through DocuSign to help expedite the application process. Interested sponsors should contact a member of the Finance and Grants staff or their APM for more information.

NEW RFA/GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNATURE PROCESS

- 1. Sponsor receives an Approval for Request for Aid Application email.
- 2. If DocuSign is **not** being used, the sponsor prints one copy and completes the signature page. The first page date must be left blank, as it will be completed by NCDOT.
- 3. Sponsor uploads the signed agreement into EBS/Partner Connect under the application.
- 4. Sponsor signs and uploads all seven AIP Sponsor Certifications for all federal grant agreements. *Please use the most current version of the certifications and all other forms.*These are available on the DoA website.
- 5. Sponsor sends an email to DOTAviationGrants@ncdot.gov stating that the signed agreement has been uploaded. *Please do not mail hard copies of the agreements to DoA.*
- 6. DoA facilitates execution of the sponsor-signed agreement.
- 7. DoA uploads the fully signed agreement into EBS/Partner Connect and notifies the sponsor via system-generated email.

GRANT DOCUMENTATION

- **1.** The AV-500 (Certification of Local Funds) is no longer required. The Division has determined that the form is unnecessary because the certification of local funds is made when the grant application is pinned.
- 2. Beginning in April, sponsors will receive an automated email reminder when QSRs are due. An email will be sent for each open grant. Construction and non-construction forms have been combined. QSRs are required for the quarter in which the grant was executed and every completed quarter up to the time of closeout.
- 3. QSRs must be submitted in the EBS/Partner Connect Change Request Module. Beginning with QSRs due April 1, 2019, the Division will no longer accept PDFs of older QSR forms. The sponsor's or representative's name and date will be required at the bottom of the form.
- **4.** Time extensions must be requested in the EBS/Partner Connect Change Request Module. PDFs of the AV-507 to extend expiring grant agreements will no longer be accepted.

BUSINESS PARTNER RESOURCES

The Division's *Connect DOT: Business Partner Resources* web page contains many resources to help you manage and promote your airport, such as:

- North Carolina: The State of Aviation Economic Impact Brochure and fact sheet
- Grant checklists, guidance, and required forms
- Airport development resource documents
- Information about the Division's NC Airport Technical Assistance Program (NC AirTAP)

Please visit *Connect DOT: Business Partner Resources* at connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Airport-Aid/pages/default.aspx

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CLAIMS

- 1. Reminder that advanced funds must be disbursed within three business days. The disbursement within three business days will be monitored and verified by the Division at least quarterly.
- 2. Reminder that requests for reimbursement, including travel expenses, must be submitted to the Division within 60 days of payment to the vendor. Also, if an expense was incurred prior to an executed grant agreement and is an allowable cost in the approved project budget, a claim must be submitted within 60 days of the executed grant agreement.
- 3. Each claim submitted must be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. This system change was planned for December 2018 and was included in that month's Grant Update. However the EBS/Partner Connect update could not be completed until February. The system change is now complete and in effect.
- **4.** The Division has established additional maximum costs for reproduction. Maximum allowable costs for print and copy sizes not included on the NCDOT *Maximum Allowable Non-Salary Direct Costs* memo will be maintained by the Division of Aviation and posted on its *Connect DOT: Business Partner Resources* web page.
- **5. Travel expenses incurred in a single trip must be submitted on the same claim.** For example, please do not submit a reimbursement request for lodging expenses on one claim and mileage expenses from the same trip on the next claim. Please submit both expenses on the same claim.

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