Grants Update

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DIVISION OF AVIATION
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Grant Agreement Updates

2023 federal nonprimary entitlement and apportionment funds require the additions listed below to be included in our federal grant agreement templates.

- Added: A-11. Trafficking in Persons
- Added: A-12. Employee Protection from Reprisals
- Added: B-6. Completing the Project without Delay and in Conformance with Requirements
- Added: B-7. United States Not Liable for Damage or Injury
- Added: B-8: Buy American
- Added: B-9: Suspension and Debarment

Upon requesting federal 2023 funds, please review these additions prior to executing your subgrant.

National Human Trafficking Poster Requirement

As included in A-11 mentioned above, the sponsor must post the contact information of the national human trafficking hotline (including options to reach out to the hotline such as through phone, text or TTY) in all public airport restrooms. The national human trafficking hotline website has downloadable resources and materials. While you can print and post the flyer of your choice, the Division will be printing and mailing a copy to each general aviation airport soon. Be sure to post in all public airport restrooms. You must inform us immediately by emailing DOTAviationGrants@ncdot.gov of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of this grant condition.

Deadlines for Expiring 2020 Federal Nonprimary Entitlement and Apportionment Funds

Jan. 27 – Deadline for new applications to obligate expiring funds
Feb. 28 – Deadline for relinquishing unobligated funds so they can be transferred to another eligible airport
April 1 – Deadline for all change requests or swaps to be requested for Division approval
July 31 – Deadline for submitting claim or pay request for 2020 funds

NOTE: Airports can swap 90% of their 2020 NPE funds as usual, however, the 10% CARES-funded match cannot be swapped.

NCDOT submits first two federal AIG grant applications for eight airports

NCDOT's next application deadlines for N.C. airports will be based on those that FAA sets for FFY 2024. Meanwhile, airports are encouraged to determine how they plan to expend those funds and prepare to request them. NCDOT recommends that airports collect funds within three years of the announcement to prevent the possibility of expiration. Once collected, they must be spent within four years. See Rachel Bingham's email from April 14 for details on the program and how to request funds.

Buy American: Two new FAA sponsor certifications required during construction grant closeout

An updated AV-103 Sponsor Checklist has been posted on the connect site to include the following required items to the final construction section:

1. FAA Form 5100-136 Buy American Worksheet (for construction closeout)
2. FAA Form 5100-137 Buy American Questionnaire (for construction closeout)

Legislatively Directed Funding Reporting Update

Sponsors will soon be able to report on their directed funding (N.C. Airport Improvement Program, State Capital Infrastructure Fund and General Aviation Legislative) grants via a new Directed Funding Reporting tile in EBS. The required content remains the same, but the data will be entered into the system instead of in an Excel spreadsheet. More information to come.

REMINDERS

Customer Service Survey
We will email the annual Customer Service Survey next week with a link to an online form. We encourage your feedback by September 27 to help us implement process improvements and communications, and we look forward to receiving your responses.

Quarterly Claims Compliance
The quarterly claims compliance review for Q4 is nearing completion. Section C-3/C-4 in federal/state grant agreements, respectively, require sponsors to pay all contractors/vendors prior to or within three business days of receipt of the Department's advance payment. Noncompliant notifications will be sent soon.