



## **Aviation Funding Safety Enhancement Program** for General Aviation Green Airports

This program provides 100% State funding for eligible State Aid to Airports projects and 100% of the nonfederal share<sup>1</sup> for eligible State Block Grant projects at General Aviation airports classified as Green in the 2015 North Carolina Airports System Plan. Green Airports tend to be located in primarily rural, more economically distressed counties.

**Objective:** The objective of these enhancements is to provide much needed safety-related projects in a timelier manner and to reduce project costs and delivery time by removing local financial delays and condensing administrative processes. These enhancements are expected to accelerate the impact of state infrastructure funds by reducing implementation barriers, resulting in more efficient completion of high-need projects across North Carolina. Needed projects will be delivered more quickly and efficiently.

**Airport Eligibility:** Publicly owned and operated General Aviation airports classified as Green by the 2015 North Carolina Airports System Plan. Green airports are: Anson County, Avery County, Billy Mitchell (Hatteras), Clinton-Sampson County, Columbus County, Elkin Municipal, First Flight, Halifax-Northampton Regional, Hyde County, Jackson County, Martin County, Montgomery County, Mount Olive Municipal, Northeastern Regional (Edenton), Ocracoke Island, Odell Williamson, Plymouth Municipal, Richmond County, Tarboro-Edgecombe, and Tri-County.

**Project Eligibility:** Projects to meet the criteria outlined in the North Carolina Airports System Plan as Safety and Infrastructure Health Performance Measures.

**Project Submission Process:** Submissions will be through the online NC Partner Connect Project Requests process and begin soon. Sponsors are requested to have their first submissions in by June 30, 2017.

**Local Requirements:** Airports will be required to agree to the terms of the Project Grant Agreement along with appropriate state and federal grant assurances.

**Maximum Program Funding Level:** Total funding for this Program shall not exceed 20% of the total state dollars programmed for general aviation airports in any single state fiscal year.

**Implementation Date:** Proposed for implementation for all grants awarded to qualifying airport sponsors on or after July 1, 2017. Note that Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) grants awarded on or after this date may include “banked” NPE funds from federal fiscal year 2014 forward.

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<sup>1</sup> The nonfederal share for State Block Grant projects is typically 10% of the total project costs.