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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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Reference the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for official information

## PROGRAM PURPOSE

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The Rebuild Illinois Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) provides competitive grants for the planning, construction, reconstruction, extension, development, and improvement of public-use airports that are included in the Illinois Aviation System Plan (IASP). ACIP grants augment the continual Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP), and other state aviation programs, where funding limitations and constraints prevent otherwise justified projects from being completed.

In the Spring of 2019, Rebuild Illinois appropriated the sum of \$144 million to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for such purposes, in accordance with the Illinois Aeronautics Act and other applicable state statutes. Considering demand for funding a growing backlog of justified improvements to the Illinois Aviation System (IAS), and the complexity inherent in the planning, design, letting and construction process for airports, IDOT will utilize this 6-year capital bill appropriation to establish no greater than a 4-year ACIP from FY 2021 – FY 2025. Official ACIP program solicitation will occur in Early Spring of 2021.

Additionally, Rebuild Illinois appropriated the sum of \$6 million to IDOT for a grant to Lewis University Airport for costs associated with erecting an air traffic control tower. This project is expected to follow the same program timeframe, although consideration must be given to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) coordination and requirements.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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Eligible applicants are public-use public-owned airports in Illinois.

Furthermore, to be eligible for a grant, an airport must be included within the IASP. This listing can be found in Appendix A.

Recipients of grants are referred to as "sponsors." Sponsors must be legally, financially, and otherwise able to carry out state and federal assurances and obligations contained in the project application and grant agreement, including the ability to meet and comply with the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA).



## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

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The program targets justified projects that are of low federal priority or non-compatible with the Federal AIP and other state aviation programs due to a variety of limitations and constraints such as ineligibility. Eligible projects include airfield and landside improvements, including limited equipment, that maintain the continuation of safe, efficient, secure, and sustainable operations of the Illinois Aviation System (IAS), and that maximize commerce and economic opportunity in Illinois. Justification, as it relates to this program, is reserved at the discretion of IDOT.

Certain professional services that are necessary for eligible projects (such as planning, surveying, and engineering) can also be eligible if all IDOT and FAA requirements have been met. IDOT must be able to determine the projects are justified based on civil aeronautical demand and conform with the IASP and the NPIAS. The projects must also meet state and federal environmental and procurement requirements. The IDOT Airport Letting Process, implemented through IDOT Aeronautics, ensures compliance with all applicable state and federal requirements.

Projects related to airport operational costs - such as preventative or routine maintenance, salaries, expendable items, and supplies - are not eligible for ACIP grants. In addition, per the Illinois Aeronautics Act, projects related to hangars or other airport buildings are ineligible.

Projects must result in a complete improvement that provide for a safe, useful, and usable unit. No segmentation of projects will be allowed. Project phasing will be considered, if each phase provides a safe, useful, and usable unit, under a single overall development objective to be accomplished within the program.

Projects resulting in changes to the airport design standards for airport infrastructure and airport approach surfaces will be reviewed carefully to assess the greater impact and potential cost of resulting design standards and geometrics that must then be met. Given the size and ultimate cost of the impact, and statewide/national aviation system considerations, including constrained funding, IDOT has the discretion to not consider the project.

In consideration to eligible applicants submitting multiple eligible projects, IDOT reserves discretion on limits to awarding multiple projects, despite ranking, in consideration to transportation equity and in ensuring projects of all types and at all categories of airports, small and large, are provided for. As such, eligible applicants should submit multiple projects in terms of sponsor priority.

The following table lists typical examples of eligible and ineligible projects; the list is not exhaustive. Questions about ACIP eligibility should be directed to the IDOT Office of Planning and Programming or IDOT Aeronautics.

| Eligible Projects   | Ineligible Projects   |
|---|---|
| Runway construction/rehabilitation, including extensions and crosswinds | General planning studies, including airport master plans or airport layout plans (ALPs) |
| Taxiway and taxilane construction/rehabilitation                        | General environmental studies, including wildlife hazard assessments                    |
| Apron and run-up pad construction/rehabilitation                        | Offices and office equipment  |
| Airfield or landside lighting   | Aircraft hangars  |
| Airfield or landside signage  | Terminals   |
| Airfield or landside drainage   | Marketing, land-use, or business plans  |
| Land acquisition for a justified eligible project                       | Construction, maintenance, or repairs of buildings                                      |
| New automated weather observation stations (AWOS)                       | Training  |
| Navigational aids, excluding Instrument Landing Systems (ILS)           | Exclusive-use improvements  |
| Safety area improvements  | Industrial or business park development   |
| Access roads and parking lots located on airport property               | Landscaping   |
| Hazard removal, lowering, moving, marking, and lighting                 | Artwork   |
| Avigation easements   | Expendable items or supplies  |
| Aviation fuel facilities  | Computer hardware or software   |
| Perimeter/security fencing and gates                                    | Furniture   |
| Heavy-duty equipment (limited)  | Maintenance activities relating to pavement or equipment                                |

**In addition, the following must also apply for IDOT to consider a project for ACIP funding:**

- The project is not programmed with Federal AIP funds and included in the current or proposed FY 2021 – 2025 IDOT Multimodal Multi-Year Program. To maximize receipt of Federal AIP funds, projects cannot request or combine Federal AIP funds and ACIP funds.
- The project is ineligible and/or of low priority to receive Federal AIP funds, or other circumstances make the receipt of Federal AIP funding unfeasible. IDOT reserves the discretion to determine projects submitted are more appropriate for Federal AIP funding, and can remove such submittals from consideration and ranking.
- The project is justified at the discretion of IDOT. Justified projects advance the IASP and/or FAA Policy and Priorities. There is an actual need for the project. The project scope is appropriate.
- The project sponsorship requirements have been met and the airport sponsor is of good standing with IDOT, including compliance with past grant assurances and standing requirements
- The project is reasonably consistent with known plans of planning agencies for the development of the area in which the airport is located.
- Sufficient funds are available for the portion of the project not paid for by the state.
- The project will be completed without undue delay.
- The airport is included in the IASP.
- The project will not result in overall airport design changes that cause significant follow on projects and costs relating to resulting airport design standards issues.
- The project involves more than \$25,000 in ACIP funds.
- The project and land are depicted on a current airport layout plan approved by IDOT and the FAA or approved through the airspace process.
- The project meets Multi-Modal Transportation Bond requirements and guidelines.
- If associated professional services are sought, only services meeting the IDOT Consultant Selection Process are eligible.
- Land acquisition associated with the project will be completed within 18 months of project programming. This process requires environmental clearance prior to acquisition.
- The project will be initiated by holding a project initiation meeting within 6 months within receipt of program letter
- Overall development objectives, or single large projects, are capped at the award of \$25 million in Multimodal Transportation Bond funds. This includes airport sponsors who received allocation of Multimodal Transportation Bond Funds who have indicated commitment of those allocations toward an overall development object or single large project.

Airport sponsors who accept a grant offer are also accepting conditions and obligations associated grant assurances, including GATA. This also includes state and federal obligations to operate and maintain the airport in a safe and serviceable condition, not grant exclusive rights, mitigate hazards to airspace, and use airport revenue properly, among others.

**Illinois Works Jobs Program Act (30 ILCS 559/20-1 et seq.)**

For grants with an estimated total project cost of \$500,000 or more, the grantee will be required to comply with the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative (30 ILCS 559/20-20 to 20-25) and all applicable administrative rules. The “estimated total project cost” is a good faith approximation of the costs of an entire project being paid for in whole or in part by appropriated capital funds to construct a public work. Operational costs are not included in the calculation of estimated total project costs. The goal of the Illinois Apprenticeship Initiative is that apprentices will perform either 10% of the total labor hours worked in each prevailing wage classification or 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage classification, whichever is less. Grantees will be permitted to seek from the Department a waiver or reduction of this goal in certain circumstances pursuant to 30 ILCS 559/20-20(b). The grantee must ensure compliance for the life of the entire project, including during the term of the grant and after the term ends, if applicable, and will be required to report on and certify its compliance.

**MATCH REQUIREMENT**

| Total Project Amount         | State | Non-State Match |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| <\$5 Million                 | 90%   | 10%             |
| \$5 Million - <\$15 Million  | 80%   | 20%             |
| \$15 Million - <\$25 Million | 75%   | 25%             |
| \$25 Million                 | 50%   | 50%             |

Sponsors must identify the source of matching funds and provide reasonable assurances these funds are available and enough to complete the project. Reasonable assurances may include a local government resolution or other documentation of a funding commitment.

A goal of this program is to increase Illinois Transportation System financial sustainability through the promotion of private partnership and participation in the funding of infrastructure investments. Local and/or private financial contributions above the minimum non-state matching requirements will be viewed favorably in final programming decisions.

Federal grants may not be used as local match.

## SOLICITATION TIMELINE

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Official ACIP program solicitation will occur in 2021. Projects will be reviewed and prioritized based on established guidance and criteria as well as any justification provided by the airport sponsor. Programming and selection of projects will be done at the ultimate discretion of IDOT. IDOT will program the full amount available as appropriated over multiple years in a single solicitation. Prior to a selected project being programmed for FY21, sponsors will be contacted to ensure readiness and the ability to match.

If necessary, subsequent program years will be conducted in the same format.

## REQUIRED SUBMITTAL PROCESS

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Projects will be generated from sponsor project submittals received through Spring submittals after the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is published. Please refer to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the full application and submission information requirements. Projects seeking ACIP grants cannot simultaneously request other available funds from the Federal AIP or other state aviation programs.

Forms [AER 101: Transportation Improvement Program: Airports](#) and [AER 104: Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Data Sheet](#) will be utilized as necessary attachments for sponsor project submittals.

Submittals and all required attachments must be sent via email to [DOT.AERO.TIPS@illinois.gov](mailto:DOT.AERO.TIPS@illinois.gov) by an established deadline as indicated in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The submittal email subject line should utilize the following naming convention:

**FaaLocationIdentifier.AirportName.IACIP.2021**

*Example: CGX.MeigsField.IACIP.2021*

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## SELECTION CONSIDERATION

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The FAA National Priority Rating System has been reconfigured by IDOT to target justified projects that are of low federal priority or non-compatible with the Federal AIP and other state aviation programs due to a variety of limitations and constraints such as ineligibility. This numerical system and equation will generate values to meet the overall program objective.

### Values will be assigned to the following:

- Airport Category = A
  - Primary Airport
    - Commercial Service
  - Nonprimary Airport
    - General Aviation
    - Reliever
    - Nonprimary Commercial Service
- Project type
  - Purpose (underlying objective such as capacity) = P
  - Component (runway) = C
  - Type (extension) = T
- Added factors = X
  - Additional non-state contribution above match requirements
  - Prior NEPA clearance or the ability to obtain within 6 months
  - Transportation Equity (within 5 miles of low income or minority communities)

Values assigned to criteria may be updated for future program years due to findings and priority changes through the Illinois Aviation System Plan and Economic Impact Analysis currently being conducted. Criteria changes will be published prior to annual solicitation and the IDOT TIP request process each Spring.

### Illinois ACIP Priority Rating (PR) equation:

$$PR = [((4A)+(2C)+(.7P)+(.7T))/4.2] + X$$

**Airport Category Values (A)**

| Airport Category   | "A" Value |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Nonprimary Airport | 15        |
| Primary Airport    | 5         |

**Purpose Code Values (P)**

| Purpose | Description                                       | "P" Value |
|---------|---|-----------|
| CA      | Capacity  | 85        |
| OT      | Other (access roads, service roads, parking lots) | 95        |
| RC      | Reconstruct                                       | 40        |
| RE      | Rehabilitate                                      | 40        |
| SA      | Safety and Security                               | 60        |
| SP      | Special Emphasis                                  | 40        |
| ST      | Standards   | 60        |



**Component Code Values (C)**

| Component | Description                    | “C” Value |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| AP        | Apron                          | 70        |
| EQ        | Equipment                      | 90        |
| GT        | Ground Transportation          | 85        |
| HE        | Heliport                       | 25        |
| LA        | Land                           | 60        |
| NA        | New Airport (General Aviation) | 55        |
| OT        | Other                          | 85        |
| RW        | Runway                         | 50        |
| TL        | Taxilane                       | 65        |
| TW        | Taxiway                        | 60        |
| VT        | Vertiport                      | 25        |

**Type Code Values (T)**

| Type | Description                     | "T" Value |
|------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| AC   | Access Road                     | 85        |
| CO   | Construct                       | 70        |
| EX   | Expand/Extend                   | 75        |
| FF   | Fuel Farm                       | 80        |
| IM   | Improve/Modify                  | 62        |
| LI   | Lighting and Signage            | 53        |
| OB   | Obstruction/                    | 35        |
| PA   | Parking                         | 80        |
| SE   | Security                        | 43        |
| SF   | Safety Area                     | 43        |
| SN   | Snow removal or mowing          | 90        |
| SV   | Service Road                    | 55        |
| SZ   | Approach Protection             | 50        |
| VI   | Vertical/Visual Guidance System | 50        |
| WX   | Weather Reporting               | 85        |

**Added Code Values (X)**

| Added | Description   | "X" Value |
|-------|---|-----------|
| AD    | Additional Contribution Above Match Requirements  | 5         |
| PR    | Prior Environmental Clearance/Ability to Obtain Within Six Months                                   | 3         |
| TE    | Transportation Equity (sponsor must justify) (within 5 miles of low income or minority communities) | 3         |

**APPENDIX A**  
**Eligible Public-Use/Public-Owned Airports**

|                           |   |     |
|---------------------------|---|-----|
| Alton/St Louis            | St Louis Regional                                 | ALN |
| Beardstown                | Greater Beardstown                                | K06 |
| Belleville                | Scott AFB/MidAmerica                              | BLV |
| Benton                    | Benton Municipal                                  | H96 |
| Bloomington/Normal        | Central IL Regional Airport at Bloomington-Normal | BMI |
| Bolingbrook               | Bolingbrook's Clow International                  | 1C5 |
| Cahokia/St Louis          | St Louis Downtown                                 | CPS |
| Cairo                     | Cairo Regional                                    | CIR |
| Canton                    | Ingersoll   | CTK |
| Carbondale/Murphysboro    | Southern Illinois                                 | MDH |
| Carmi                     | Carmi Municipal                                   | CUL |
| Casey                     | Casey Municipal                                   | 1H8 |
| Centralia                 | Centralia Municipal                               | ENL |
| Champaign/Urbana          | University of Illinois-Willard                    | CMI |
| Chicago                   | Lansing Municipal                                 | IGQ |
| Chicago                   | Chicago Midway International                      | MDW |
| Chicago                   | Chicago O'Hare International                      | ORD |
| Chicago/Aurora            | Aurora Municipal                                  | ARR |
| Chicago/Lake in The Hills | Lake in the Hills                                 | 3CK |
| Chicago/Prospect Heights  | Chicago Executive                                 | PWK |
| Chicago/Rockford          | Chicago/Rockford International                    | RFD |
| Chicago/Romeoville        | Lewis University                                  | LOT |
| Chicago/Schaumburg        | Schaumburg Regional                               | 06C |
| Chicago/Schaumburg        | Schaumburg Municipal Helistop                     | 4H1 |
| Chicago/Tinley Park       | Tinley Park Helistop                              | TF8 |
| Chicago/Waukegan          | Waukegan National                                 | UGN |
| Chicago/West Chicago      | DuPage  | DPA |
| Danville                  | Vermilion Regional                                | DNV |
| De Kalb                   | De Kalb Taylor Municipal                          | DKB |
| Decatur                   | Decatur   | DEC |
| Dixon                     | Dixon Municipal-Charles R Walgreen Field          | C73 |
| Effingham                 | Effingham County Memorial                         | 1H2 |
| Fairfield                 | Fairfield Municipal                               | FWC |
| Flora                     | Flora Municipal                                   | FOA |
| Freeport                  | Albertus  | FEP |
| Galesburg                 | Galesburg Municipal                               | GBG |
| Greenville                | Greenville  | GRE |
| Harrisburg                | Harrisburg-Raleigh                                | HSB |
| Havana                    | Havana Regional                                   | 910 |
| Jacksonville              | Jacksonville Municipal                            | IJX |
| Joliet                    | Joliet Regional                                   | JOT |
| Kankakee                  | Greater Kankakee                                  | IKK |
| Kewanee                   | Kewanee Municipal                                 | EZI |
| Lacon                     | Marshall County                                   | C75 |
| Lawrenceville             | Lawrenceville-Vincennes International             | LWV |

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|                    |  |     |
|--------------------|--|-----|
| Lincoln            | Logan County   | AAA |
| Litchfield         | Litchfield Municipal                                 | 3LF |
| Macomb             | Macomb Municipal                                     | MQB |
| Marion             | Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois                | MWA |
| Mattoon/Charleston | Coles County Memorial                                | MTO |
| Metropolis         | Metropolis Municipal                                 | M30 |
| Moline             | Quad City International                              | MLI |
| Monee              | Bult Field   | C56 |
| Monmouth           | Monmouth Municipal                                   | C66 |
| Morris             | Morris Municipal-James R Washburn Field              | C09 |
| Mount Carmel       | Mount Carmel Municipal                               | AJG |
| Mount Sterling     | Mount Sterling Municipal                             | I63 |
| Mount Vernon       | Mount Vernon   | MVN |
| Olney-Noble        | Olney-Noble  | OLY |
| Paris              | Edgar County   | PRG |
| Paxton             | Paxton   | 1C1 |
| Pekin              | Pekin Municipal                                      | C15 |
| Peoria             | Mount Hawley Auxiliary                               | 3MY |
| Peoria             | General Downing-Peoria International                 | PIA |
| Peru               | Illinois Valley Regional-Walter A Duncan Field       | VYS |
| Pinckneyville      | Pinckneyville-Du Quoin                               | PJY |
| Pittsfield         | Pittsfield Penstone Municipal                        | PPQ |
| Pontiac            | Pontiac Municipal                                    | PNT |
| Quincy             | Quincy Regional-Baldwin Field                        | UIN |
| Rantoul            | Rantoul National Aviation Center-Frank Elliott Field | TIP |
| Robinson           | Crawford Co  | RSV |
| Rochelle           | Rochelle Municipal Airport-Koritz Field              | RPJ |
| Rushville          | Schuy-Rush   | 5K4 |
| Salem              | Salem-Leckrone                                       | SLO |
| Savanna            | Tri-Township   | SFY |
| Shelbyville        | Shelby County  | 2H0 |
| Sparta             | Sparta Community-Hunter Field                        | SAR |
| Springfield        | Abraham Lincoln Capital                              | SPI |
| Sterling/Rockfalls | Whiteside County-Jos H Bittorf Field                 | SQI |
| Taylorville        | Taylorville Municipal                                | TAZ |
| Vandalia           | Vandalia Municipal                                   | VLA |



**APPENDIX B**

**Public-Use/Public-Owned Airports**

**Within 5 Miles of Low Income or Minority Communities**

Utilizing Environmental Justice Data Sources and Definitions

|                          |   |     |
|--------------------------|---|-----|
| Alton/St Louis           | St Louis Regional                                 | ALN |
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| Danville                 | Vermilion Regional                                | DNV |
| Decatur                  | Decatur   | DEC |
| De Kalb                  | De Kalb Taylor Municipal                          | DKB |
| Freeport                 | Albertus  | FEP |
| Galesburg                | Galesburg Municipal                               | GBG |
| Harrisburg               | Harrisburg-Raleigh                                | HSB |
| Jacksonville             | Jacksonville Municipal                            | IJX |
| Joliet                   | Joliet Regional                                   | JOT |
| Kankakee                 | Greater Kankakee                                  | IKK |
| Kewanee                  | Kewanee Municipal                                 | EZI |
| Macomb                   | Macomb Municipal                                  | MQB |
| Marion                   | Williamson County Regional                        | MWA |
| Metropolis               | Metropolis Municipal                              | M30 |
| Monee                    | Bult Field  | C56 |
| Monmouth                 | Monmouth Municipal                                | C66 |
| Mount Vernon             | Mount Vernon                                      | MVN |
| Peoria                   | Greater Peoria Regional                           | PIA |
| Peru                     | Illinois Valley Regional-Walter A Duncan Field    | VYS |
| Pittsfield               | Pittsfield Penstone Municipal                     | PPQ |
| Pontiac                  | Pontiac Municipal                                 | PNT |

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| Rantoul            | Rantoul National Aviation Center-Frank Elliott Field | TIP |
| Chicago/Rockford   | Chicago/Rockford International                       | RFD |
| Springfield        | Abraham Lincoln Capital                              | SPI |
| Sterling/Rockfalls | Whiteside Co Airport-Jos H Bittorf Field             | SQI |

