

CHAPTER 715
AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

761—715.1(328) Purpose. The purpose of the air service development program is to help commercial service airports sustain and enhance available air service options for the traveling public.
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761—715.2(328) Definitions. The definitions in Iowa Code section 328.1 and rule 761—700.1(328) shall apply to this chapter of rules.

761—715.3(328) Eligibility and funding.

715.3(1) Participation in the air service development program shall be limited to airports currently receiving scheduled air service and designated as commercial service airports in the Iowa aviation system plan.

715.3(2) The transportation commission shall establish annually:

a. The maximum amount of funds to be allocated to the air service development program for the program year.

b. The amount to be allocated to each airport for sustainment project activities.

c. The amount of funds that will be added to the enhancement fund pool.

715.3(3) Program information, instructions and application forms may be obtained from the department's website at www.iowadot.gov. Requests for such materials or assistance may also be made by calling the office of aviation at (515)239-1689. Submission of application materials shall be made according to the annual application instructions included in the application materials. The office of aviation mailing address is: Office of Aviation, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010.

715.3(4) Allocated program funds shall be available to each commercial service airport for the time period specified in the application instructions and in the agreement.

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761—715.4(328) Eligible project activities. Activities that are eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, the following:

715.4(1) Activities to sustain or improve air service, which include, but are not limited to, marketing, advocacy, educational efforts and leveraging local and federal funds in collection of data, studies or other efforts.

715.4(2) Service enhancement activities, which include, but are not limited to, market entry support, financial incentives and data analysis studies to help airports enhance service on new routes, provide for entry of a new carrier, or achieve an increase in seat capacity on existing routes.

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761—715.5(328) Ineligible project activities. Rescinded ARC 1351C, IAB 3/5/14, effective 4/9/14.

761—715.6(328) Project selection criteria. Sustainment projects at each commercial service airport that meet the eligibility criteria may be funded up to the limit of each airport's allocation. Enhancement project requests that meet program requirements may be funded if funding is available in the enhancement fund pool.

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761—715.7(328) Application. Completed applications shall be submitted to the department and include the information requested in the annual application instructions.

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761—715.8(328) Project administration.

715.8(1) Agreement. After a project application has been approved, the department shall enter into a project agreement with the airport sponsor that specifies the responsibilities of the sponsor. The

agreement shall specify the amount of state funds, the contract period, the payment process, and the responsibilities for project planning, development, and reporting. The department may inspect the improvement for compliance with the agreement and may audit all project costs.

715.8(2) Project payments. Payments to the airport sponsor for eligible project costs shall be made on a cost reimbursement basis.

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