

CHAPTER 717
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT VERTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

761—717.1(328) Purpose. The purpose of the general aviation airport vertical infrastructure program is to provide funding for improvements to the vertical infrastructure at Iowa's general aviation airports.

761—717.2(328) Definitions. The definitions in Iowa Code section 328.1 and rule 761—700.1(328) apply to these rules. In addition:

“Vertical infrastructure” is defined in Iowa Code section 8.57, subsection 6.

761—717.3(328) Information and forms. Information, instructions, and application forms may be obtained from the Office of Aviation, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010; telephone (515)239-1875.

761—717.4(328) Applicant eligibility. Eligible airports are those general aviation airports that are in compliance with minimum state safety standards (see 761—Chapter 720). The applicant must be the governmental subdivision charged with managing the general aviation airport.

761—717.5(328) Eligible project activities. Activities that are eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to, the following:

717.5(1) Hangar renovation or construction including associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work.

717.5(2) Fuel facilities including associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work.

717.5(3) Terminal building renovation or construction including associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work.

717.5(4) Relocating an existing hangar, terminal building or fuel facility to correct violations of federal safety or design standards. Work shall include all associated design, land acquisition, grading and foundation work.

761—717.6(328) Ineligible project activities. Rescinded IAB 11/14/01, effective 12/19/01.

761—717.7(328) Funding. The department may fund up to 85 percent of an eligible project.

761—717.8(328) Project priorities. The department shall consider the following in project selection: airport role and objectives defined in the state aviation system plan; demonstration of increased aeronautical activity; and justification showing the ability to produce additional income for the airport.

761—717.9(328) Project applications.

717.9(1) Project applications shall be submitted to the office of aviation.

717.9(2) Each application shall contain:

a. General information, including the airport sponsor's name, contact person, mailing address and telephone number.

b. A capital improvement program (CIP) data sheet. The CIP data sheet shall include a sketch of the project, a brief description of the project and its purpose, and cost information including total project cost and an itemized breakdown of project components.

c. A resolution from the airport sponsor endorsing the project and authorizing the necessary local match funding.

761—717.10(328) Review and approval. Department staff shall review project applications and submit recommendations to the transportation commission. The commission is responsible for approving the projects to be funded.

761—717.11(328) Project agreement and administration.

717.11(1) *Agreement.* After a project has been approved by the commission, the department shall enter into an agreement with the airport sponsor.

717.11(2) *Payments.* Payments to the airport sponsor for eligible project costs shall be made on a cost reimbursement basis.

717.11(3) *Cost overruns.* Rescinded IAB 11/14/01, effective 12/19/01.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8.57 and 328.12.

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