

CHAPTER 717
GENERAL AVIATION VERTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

761—717.1(328) Purpose. The purpose of the general aviation vertical infrastructure program is to provide funding for improvements to the vertical infrastructure at Iowa’s general aviation airports.
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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*” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 8.57(5).
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761—717.3(328) Information and forms. 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)239-1048. 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.
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761—717.4(328) Applicant eligibility. An airport sponsor, as defined in rule 761—700.1(328), of a publicly owned general aviation airport is eligible to apply for funding.
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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 Rescinded IAB 11/14/01, effective 12/19/01.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 establishes the maximum percentage of state share of eligible projects. The department may annually set a maximum dollar amount per award. Funding criteria are included in application instructions provided to airport sponsors.
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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; justification for the project; local participation; and multijurisdictional support of the airport.
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761—717.9(328) Project applications.

717.9(1) The department shall make available application instructions and forms to each publicly owned airport in Iowa. Project applications shall be submitted to the department as directed in the annual application instructions.

717.9(2) Each application shall include the information and forms identified in the annual application instructions.
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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 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 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.

717.11(2) Payments. Payments to the airport sponsor for eligible project costs shall be made on a cost reimbursement basis. Engineering fees are an eligible project expense and shall be reimbursed in compliance with the agreement.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8.57(5) and 328.12.

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