

SFY25 Aeronautics Equipment Grant Overview

Purpose

Every piece of equipment used at a Minnesota publicly owned airport is an important part of the overall maintenance and safety of Minnesota’s airport system, and its users/the people it serves. MnDOT Aeronautics is announcing a competitive solicitation for equipment used for the maintenance and operations at these publicly owned airports. Applications must provide all required documentation to be considered for funding. Incomplete applications will not be scored and returned to the airport sponsor. A total of \$2 million is available through this program and funding participation will be according to the State Fiscal Year 2025 Funding Rates Letter which can be found here: <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/airportdevelopment/fundingandgrants.html>.

Application Timeline

- November 8, 2024 – MnDOT Aeronautics announces solicitation.
- December 31, 2024 – Applications due to MnDOT Aeronautics via online form on website.
- January 31, 2025 – MnDOT Aeronautics will post awarded Equipment List on Aero Website and offer letters will be sent out.

General Eligibility Statements:

- Tugs and Trailers are NOT eligible for an equipment grant.
- Equipment grants will not be amended after the grant has been written.
- It is the airport sponsor’s responsibility to verify that the quote submitted is still valid once the are offered a grant. Once the grant is written, it will not be amended.
- If requesting upgrades to standard specifications (for example: larger-sized tires, larger engine, etc.) justification must be provided in the application.
- Used heavy/larger equipment (i.e., ARFF vehicles, specialty equipment) is considered on a case-by-case basis. Smaller pieces of used equipment (i.e., used mowers, used tractors) will not be funded.
- Maximum of \$200,000 state funds per piece of equipment.
- Equipment purchased with this funding is for airport use only. It cannot be used, loaned, or rented out.
- Minimum grant amount for a piece of equipment is \$5,000.
- The actual request for an equipment grant must be submitted from the airport sponsor.
- Costs that are not eligible for reimbursement under an equipment grant:
 - Sales Tax on equipment.
 - Administrative and/or Consultant fees.
 - Add-on warranties

Scoring Criteria for Equipment:

Category	Points eligible and criteria to meet
<p><u>Type/Use of Equipment:</u></p> <p>Points will be awarded based on the type of equipment and supplied justification of need. Application must have justification for the piece of equipment. Documentation of this justification can come from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5010 shows deficiency and this equipment resolves it. • Amount of area equipment will be used for (i.e., acres to mow, pavement to plow). • Equipment Condition (proven with maintenance costs and other documentation). • Equipment shows a safety need addressed. 	<p><u>Up to 30 points</u></p> <p>30 points – Mowing, plowing, obstruction removal equipment</p> <p>20 points – Other Airside Maintenance equipment (equipment used airside for cleaning or repair)</p> <p>15 points – Maintenance trucks (i.e. pickup trucks), landside equipment, other equipment that doesn't fall under the above types</p>
<p><u>Federal Eligibility</u></p>	<p><u>Up to 10 points</u></p> <p>10 Points will be awarded if the purchased equipment is not eligible for federal funding.</p> <p>0 Points will be awarded if the equipment is eligible for federal funding.</p>