



A Healthy SAF Keeps Airports Soaring – Connecting Aircraft Registration to Grant Funding

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What is the State Airports Fund?

- (1) to acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate airports and other air navigation facilities
- (2) to assist municipalities in the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, and maintenance of airports and other air navigation facilities
- (3) to assist municipalities to initiate, enhance, and market scheduled air service at their airports



What is the State Airports Fund?

(4) to promote interest and safety in aeronautics through education and information

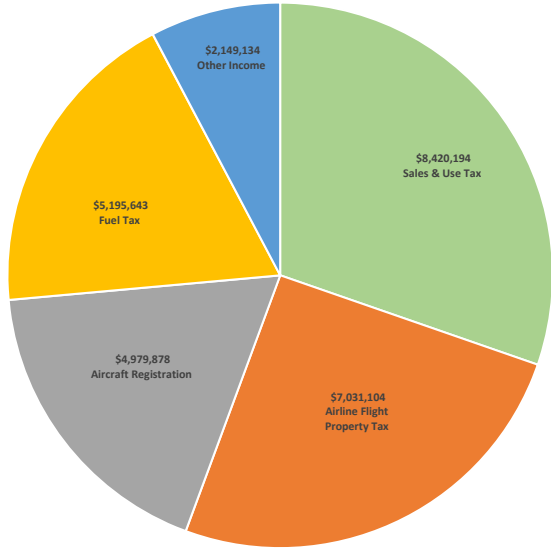
(5) to pay the salaries and expenses of the Department of Transportation related to aeronautic planning, administration, and operation



State Airports Fund Revenue Sources



2023 Revenue Sources



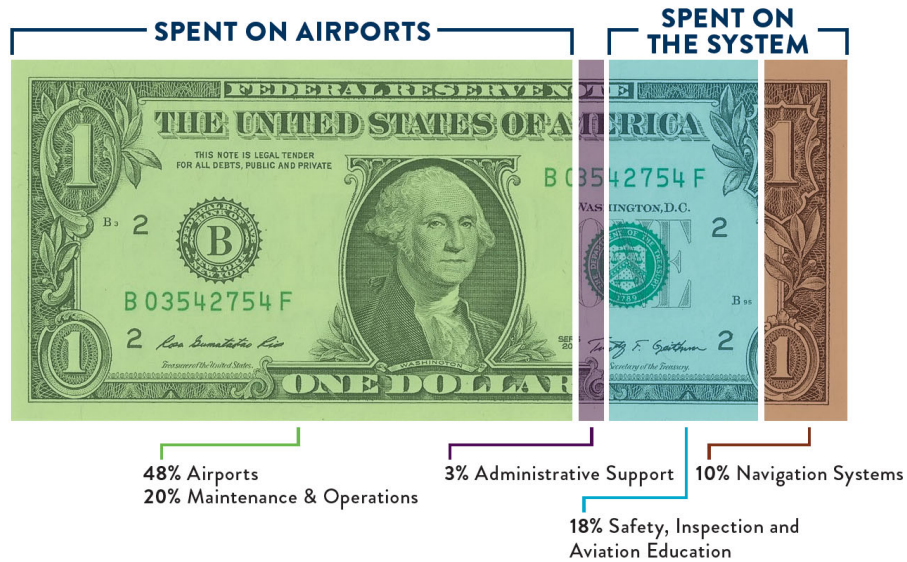
- Sales & Use Tax - \$8.42M
- Flight Property Tax - \$7.03M
- Fuel Tax - \$5.2M
- Aircraft Registration - \$4.98M
- Other - \$2.15M

SAF Revenues

\$ Amounts in '000s	FY 2020 (act)	FY 2021 (act)	FY 2022 (act)	FY 2023 (act)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Nov. 2023 Projection Update								
Balance Forward	13,629	21,584	16,663	17,394	17,064	3,061	5,653	7,726
Airline Flight Property Tax	7,025	7,008	7,004	7,031	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
All Other Revenue	18,457	19,513	23,516	19,760	24,549	20,516	20,009	19,739
Total Revenues	25,482	26,521	30,519	26,791	31,549	27,516	27,009	26,739
Total Resources	39,111	48,105	47,182	44,185	48,614	30,578	32,662	34,464

- FY23 - \$44.19M - \$26M = \$18.19
- FY24 - \$48.61M - \$26M = \$22.61M
- FY25 - \$30.58M - \$26M = \$4.58M (\$15M dedicated for NavAids)
- FY26 - \$32.66M - \$26M = \$6.66M
- FY27 - \$34.46M - \$26M = \$8.46M

How the funding improves the system - **TEASER**



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Additional Resources

MnDOT forecast:

- <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/funding/index.html>

MMB forecast:

- <https://mn.gov/mmb/forecast/forecast/>

Aircraft Registration

What is aircraft registration?

1. Annual tax much like vehicle registration
2. Based on the manufacturer's list price when it was new
3. Must register within 20 days of purchase
 - Not complete until insurance and sales tax are current
 - Know who's at your airport/using your infrastructure and airspace
4. Registration annual renewal is July 1st
5. Nearly 9,000 aircraft are registered in MN
 - 6,000 pay registration (non-exempt)
6. Registration classifications (ie classic, ag, recreational etc) – affidavits
7. 60-day statute- non-resident, non-commercial (statute citation)

Aircraft Registration



Aircraft Registration

*DO NOT CLICK THE BROWSER BACK BUTTON

Getting Started

In order to manage your aircraft, users must first complete a simple registration on this site. Once your account is set up, you will be able to manage your aircraft and pay any fees via a convenient online payment portal.

For any questions regarding your aircraft, please contact the MnDOT Office of Aeronautics at 651-234-7201 or arforms.dot@state.mn.us

Note—if you received multiple portal signup letters, you will need each letter to claim your aircraft and enter the N Number and Access Code combination you receive in the letter. After completing this process, all your aircraft will appear on your account.

Existing Users Log In Here!

Email Address

Password

Log in

[Forget your password?](#)

New Users Sign Up Here!

Creating an account is fast and simple and allows you to apply for and manage licenses with various State of Minnesota agencies.

Register Here

Salesforce – Now and Next Steps/Enhancements

- Work in progress – project will be released in phases
- Phase I – Current System
- Phase II – Enhancements coming (Aug 2024 – Aug 2025)
 - One-stop shop
 - Comm Ops & airport licenses will be able to pay online
 - Owners will be able to change their information
 - address, insurance, based-aircraft location, applications, can pay for multiple aircraft in one payment
 - Encourage online payment with electronic check – no fees for checks

Building a Better Partnership

How can we build a better partnership between airports and our office?

- NPIAS Airports – copy MnDOT Aero when updating FAA (basedaircraft.com)
- Non-NPIAS Airports – send based aircraft N numbers to Aeronautics
- 60-day statute regarding aircraft registration
 - Local taxes are dependent on based aircraft – where the aircraft is based upon registration brings revenue to that airport
- Most importantly please be a part of summer workshops to discuss funding scenarios

Let's Talk about Spending!



State Airports Fund: Authority to Spend Funds

(a) Aeronautics

(1) Airport Development and Assistance		<u>69,598,000</u>	<u>18,598,000</u>
Appropriations by Fund			
2024			<u>2025</u>
General	<u>36,000,000</u>		-0-
Airports	<u>33,598,000</u>		<u>18,598,000</u>

The appropriation from the state airports fund must be spent according to Minnesota Statutes, section 360.305, subdivision 4.

\$36,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the general fund for matches to federal aid and state investments related to airport infrastructure projects. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2027.

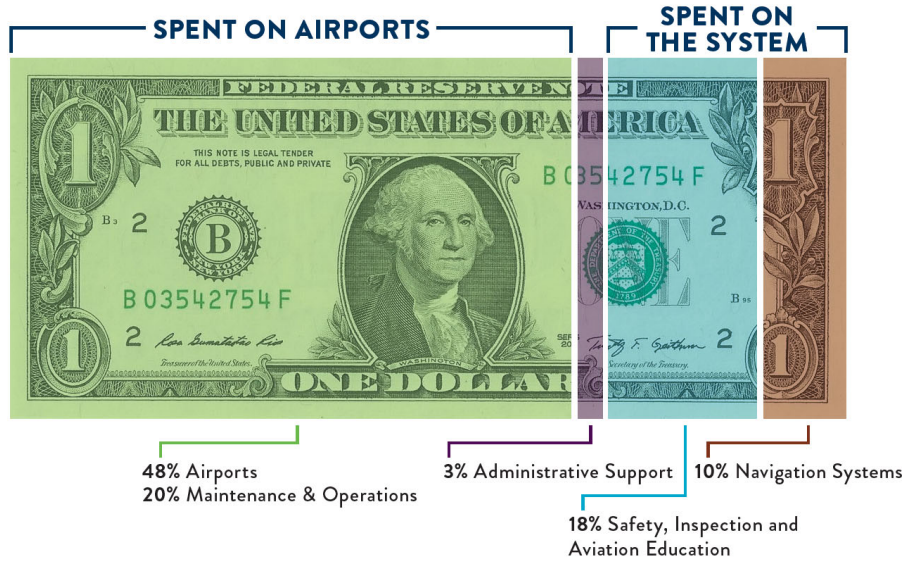
\$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is from the state airports fund for system maintenance of critical airport safety systems, equipment, and essential airfield technology.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, subdivision 6, the appropriation from the state airports fund is available for five years after the year of the appropriation. If the appropriation for either year is insufficient, the appropriation for the other year is available for it.

If the commissioner of transportation determines that a balance remains in the state airports fund following the appropriations made in this article and that the appropriations made are insufficient for advancing airport development and assistance projects, an amount

necessary to advance the projects, not to exceed the balance in the state airports fund, is appropriated in each year to the commissioner and must be spent according to Minnesota Statutes, section 360.305, subdivision 4. Within two weeks of a determination under this contingent appropriation, the commissioner of transportation must notify the commissioner of management and budget and the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance concerning the funds appropriated. Funds appropriated under this contingent appropriation do not adjust the base for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

State Airports Fund: Put back into the Aviation Community



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Spent on the System

Radio Navigation Systems



Lighting Systems

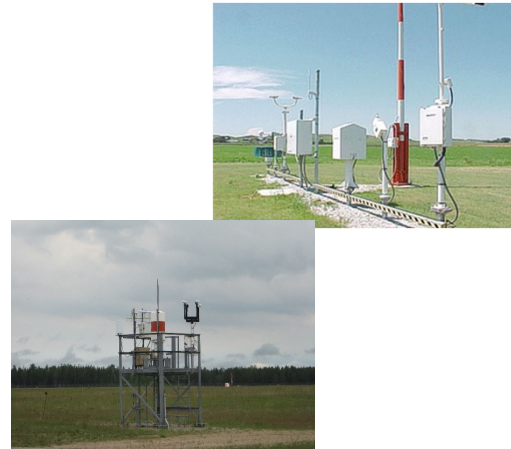


Spent on the System

Safety/Inspection



AWOS Systems



Development – Funding

- Federal Grants
 - State Match
- State Grants
 - Rates depend on population and NPIAS/Non-NPIAS
- M&O Grants
 - Reimburse eligible M&O expenses at airport



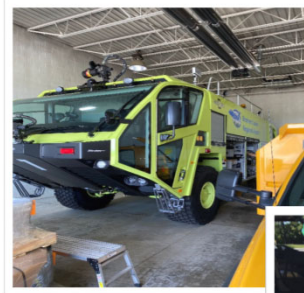
Development – Grant Types

- Planning Grants
 - Master Plans, ALP Updates, Airport Zoning, Environmental Studies
- Capital Grants
 - Hangars, AD Buildings, Aprons, Runways, Taxiways, Nav Aids



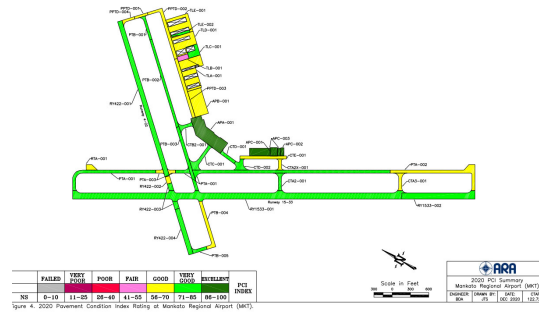
Development – Grant Types

- Equipment Grants
 - Snow Removal Equipment, Mowers, Tractors
- Maintenance and Operations Grants
 - Formula based off of runway size, pavement/turf and lighting



Development – Pavement Management System

- Pavement condition data is collected annually
- 105 Airports are on a 3 year rotation
- The PCI evaluation makes possible forecasting of future deterioration and allows for accurate projections of maintenance and rehabilitative needs.



Questions

