



MEDIA FACT SHEET SASKATCHEWAN HIGHWAYS AND INFRASTRUCTURE'S COMMUNITY AIRPORT PARTNERSHIP (CAP) PROGRAM

Which airports received grants this year through the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program? (The following provincial grant amounts are matched by the recipient, since the program works on a cost-shared basis.)

- Estevan will receive a provincial grant of \$100,000 for lighting upgrades and runway surface improvements.
- Kamsack will receive a provincial grant of \$36,000 for paving and runway lighting.
- Kindersley will receive a provincial grant of \$25,000 for runway drainage improvements and related survey and testing work.
- Maple Creek will receive \$10,000 for sealing their runway and tarmac.
- Moose Jaw will receive \$168,000 to rehabilitate their taxiways and apron.
- Swift Current will receive \$40,000 to upgrade their runway and taxiway lighting system.
- Yorkton will receive \$121,000 to repair their runway and lights.

What is Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program?

- The Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program is an initiative of Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. The program's goal is to provide eligible airports with stable, long-term financial assistance to improve infrastructure.

Why is the aviation sector important to Saskatchewan?

- From community regional airports to larger ones, the aviation sector links businesses and tourism quickly with provincial, national and international markets and clients. This helps keep Saskatchewan's economy strong and steady.
- Airports also serve an important social role, such as being a base of operations for policing and air ambulances.

Why is this program needed?

- Some Saskatchewan airports have infrastructure nearing the end of its life span that needs to be upgraded as a proactive measure. Although many of these airports are essential for air ambulances, RCMP aircraft and businesses, air traffic is too low at some of these airports to generate adequate revenue for them to undertake major infrastructure improvements. The Community Airport Partnership program is designed to help offset the cost of these improvements.

What kinds of projects are eligible for provincial funding?

- Safety-related improvements such as upgrades to runways and taxiways, along with lighting and navigational aid systems.

How are the applications selected?

- A committee reviews the applications. Members consist of:
- The Saskatchewan Aviation Council, which represents all of the province's airports;
- A technical expert from the Regina Airport Authority;
- A technical expert from the Saskatoon Airport Authority; and
- An official from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

How does the funding work?

- For the 2009-10 fiscal year, \$500,000 has been earmarked for this program. The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure will fund half of a single, eligible and approved project to a maximum of \$200,000.

Who can apply for the program?

- Regionally-focused municipal or community-owned airports not eligible for airport assistance under the federal government's Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) may apply.
- Applicants must be willing to fund half of the proposed project on an equal, cost-shared basis.
- Eligible airports must support economic development, general access to surrounding communities, air ambulance services, commercial operations and safety.
- Provincially-owned airports, along with the Saskatoon and Regina Airport authorities, are not eligible for funding.