

COMMUNITY AIRPORT PARTNERSHIP (CAP) PROGRAM

1. Which airports will receive provincial grants in 2010 through the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program? What are the planned projects? *(The following provincial grant amounts are matched by recipients, since CAP works on a 50-50 cost-shared basis.)*

- Yorkton: \$200,000, runway and taxiway repair, runway lighting and taxiway extension
- Carlyle: \$107,568, runway paving
- Swift Current: \$41,000, lighting and asphalt maintenance
- North Battleford: \$35,000, an engineering report for technical upgrades
- Wynard: \$32,000, runway repair
- Estevan: \$30,000, runway crack sealing
- Humboldt: \$25,250, runway repair
- Weyburn: \$22,000, recap an apron
- Maple Creek: \$7,182, runway crack sealing

2. What's the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) program?

- A provincial government grant program with the goal of providing eligible airports with stable, long-term financial assistance to improve infrastructure.

3. Why's 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.
- Airports also serve an important social role, such as being a base of operations for policing and air ambulances.

4. Why's this program needed?

- Some Saskatchewan airports have infrastructure nearing the end of its life span and required upgrades to meet safety standards.
- Although many of these airports are important for air ambulances, police 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 (CAP) program is designed to help offset the cost of these improvements.

5. 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.

6. How are the applications selected?

- A committee reviews the applications. Members consist of: the Saskatchewan Aviation Council (SAC), 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.

7. How does the funding work?

- For the 2010-11 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.

8. Who can apply for the program?

- Regionally-focused municipal or community-owned airports ineligible 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.
- Since eligible airports are regional in focus, applicants are encouraged to demonstrate local partnerships with local communities, if possible.
- Provincially-owned airports, along with the Saskatoon and Regina Airport authorities are ineligible for funding.