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What is RAMP?

TxDOT administers the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP), which matches local government grants up to $50,000 per airport for maintenance to eligible airside and landside airport asset/infrastructure needs. Funds are available per fiscal year with Texas Transportation Commission approval. TxDOT's fiscal year begins on September 1st, and the local government match is 50% of actual costs plus any excess of $100,000 in total costs.

RAMP includes lower cost airside and landside airport improvements and requires guidance and approval from TxDOT's Aviation Division before the expenses are incurred. Improvements can be routine maintenance as well as new or additional items of work. Examples include but are not limited to general airfield pavement maintenance, construction of airport entrance roads, pavement of airport public parking lots, installation of security fencing, and replacement of rotating beacons. TxDOT's Aviation Division will determine the eligibility of items.

Remember: airside improvements are the priority before requesting assistance with landside maintenance and improvements.

What is Eligible for RAMP Funds?

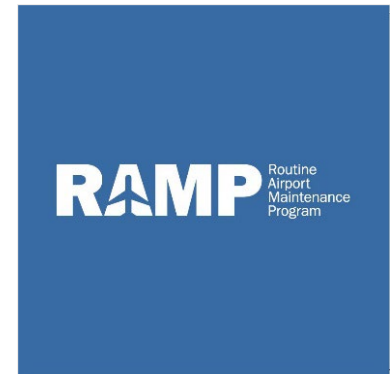Below is brief list of some items that are available for RAMP funding:

Airside:

- ✓ Pavement: crack sealing, rehab, markings, sweeping, rubber removal
- ✓ Runway and taxiway lighting (MIRLs, REILs)
- ✓ Runway, taxiway, and RPZ maintenance
- ✓ AWOS maintenance
- ✓ Herbicide along edges of airside pavement
- ✓ Drainage maintenance

Landside:

- ✓ New paint inside terminal building
- ✓ New terminal security system
- ✓ Hangar construction
- ✓ Aircraft fueling systems and filters
- ✓ Repair and maintenance of existing fencing for security and safety

A more comprehensive list of eligible and ineligible items can be found on TxDOT's RAMP website. The Aviation Division can also assist with the determination of eligible items on a case-by-case basis and has a helpful flyer with a detailed list of eligible items, available on request.

RAMP Routine Airport Maintenance Program

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District RAMP Coordinators
https://www.txdot.gov/business/grants-and-funding/routine-airport-maintenance-program-ramp.html

Conditions

A grant must be executed each state fiscal year, September 1st – August 31st, prior to work being performed. Additionally, work as described on the scope of services of the grant shall be performed during the state fiscal year.

Sponsors are allowed to issue their own contracts for scope of services, or TxDOT districts can perform services within their capabilities. However, TxDOT will not participate in contracts for ineligible scope items or for costs that are unreasonable for the type of service. TxDOT will also not reimburse for expenses that are not airside if an airport's airside needs are not addressed first.

Submitting Grants and Requesting Reimbursements

There is currently no formal application process for requesting RAMP funds. At the beginning of each state fiscal year, grants are automatically sent to Sponsors that are current participants in the program. Additional grants are sent when requested by the airport.
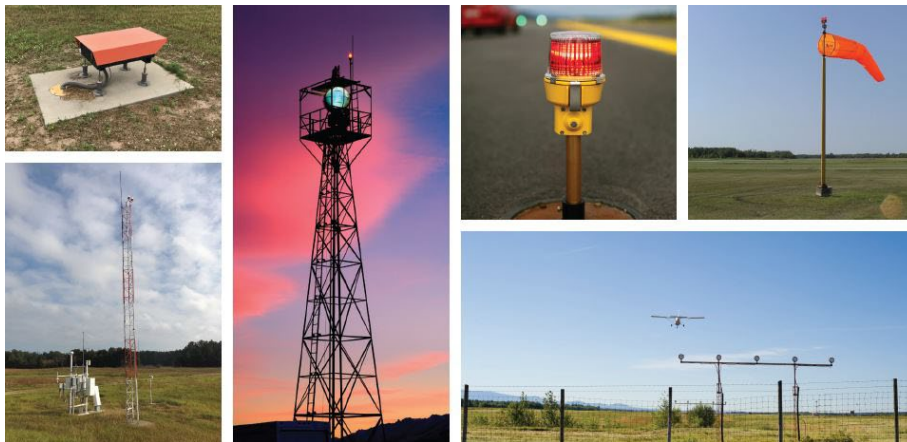
To initiate a new grant:

- Sponsors should contact the Aviation Division directly, or contact the district's RAMP coordinator
- Include a description of the project(s) for which the grant is being requested
- Include estimated costs, if available
- Contact may be in the form of a written letter, e-mail, a phone call, or face-to-face with a member of the Aviation Division staff

Once a RAMP grant is executed, RAMP Grant Payments, also known as Request for Reimbursements (RFR) can be initiated through IGX. Submit both a Completed Summary of Expenses form and any supporting invoices or receipts for eligible projects/expenses dated after the grant is executed by the state. The Aviation Division has a helpful guide, available on request, with instructions and screen captures to assist with submitting requests through IGX.

Please note that TxDOT does NOT need any of the following when reimbursements are submitted:

- Copies of payment checks
- Copies of purchase orders
- Copies of quotations or estimates

Helpful Links

TxDOT Main Website: www.txdot.gov

Routine Airport Maintenance Program Contacts: https://www.txdot.gov/business/grants-and-funding/routine-airport-maintenance-program-ramp.html

RAMP Program Description: https://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/avn/ramp_grants.pdf