

# District RAMP Coordinator Guidebook



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## The RAMP Coordinator's Role

Texas's vast geography and the diverse characteristics of each TxDOT district—ranging from population density and metropolitan activity to climate and terrain—naturally result in varying levels of participation in the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP). This guidebook is intended to introduce new RAMP Coordinators to the program and support them in overseeing district-level airport maintenance activities and participation across the state.

While some TxDOT districts regularly collaborate with airports on pavement maintenance and other airside projects, others engage more selectively. Across districts, the most consistently provided service is herbicide application. In some cases, airport sponsors elect to purchase herbicide products for use by their licensed applicators or contract privately for the full scope of work. These examples illustrate the flexibility of RAMP participation and underscore the role of this guidebook as a practical manual—particularly for coordinators working at a foundational or “grassroots” level.

Many airport sponsors are highly experienced in grant and program management. These sponsors may use district services on a limited basis, choosing instead to allocate a sizable portion of their RAMP grant funds toward independently contracted projects or direct purchases that best meet their operational needs.

One of the most critical functions of a RAMP Coordinator is serving as TxDOT's on-site presence during urgent or unplanned situations. When an airport sponsor contacts the Aviation Division regarding critical issues such as a significant airside pavement failure—TxDOT area maintenance offices often function as first responders by providing site observations, photographs, and preliminary assessments. Frequently, the district RAMP Coordinator is the airport's initial point of contact due to established working relationships and familiarity with local conditions.

District participation is a key contributor to the Routine Airport Maintenance Program's continued success and statewide popularity. Your involvement as a RAMP Coordinator is highly valued by the Aviation Division. For new coordinators, this guidebook is intended to serve as a solid starting point. Experienced colleagues within your district and across the state are excellent resources, and the Aviation Division remains available to provide guidance and support whenever needed.

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## **Routine Airport Maintenance Program Overview**

Airport maintenance presents ongoing challenges for many airports across Texas. In numerous cases, local communities lack the resources to conduct essential services, and securing funding remains a consistent obstacle. The Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) was created as a cost-sharing program between TxDOT and general aviation airports in Texas. RAMP comes out of the state's fund for capital construction.

In 1996, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Aviation Division began RAMP with five pilot TxDOT districts. The program was designed to assist communities with maintenance programs by offering state financial assistance. State funds matched local funds on a 50/50 basis with a maximum of \$10,000 in state funds per airport, per year. Airports were allowed to use the services of TxDOT districts and their contracts for crack sealing, herbicide application, striping, marking, and other similar services.

The initial program was a success and has now expanded to include all districts and allow all publicly owned/operated airports, including non-hub primary commercial service airports in the Texas Airport System Plan (TASP), to participate at the current program maximum of \$100,000 in state funds per airport, per year. Services have expanded to include other items such as airport lighting and maintenance, airport entrance road construction, pilot lounges, environmental compliance, and automated weather observing system (AWOS) maintenance.

The program has grown from supporting approximately thirty airports with a total of \$250,000 in expenditures to over two hundred participating airports with a budget of \$10 million in state grant funding. Growth and expansion have enabled many airports to maintain required operational standards and remain compliant with both state and federal regulations.

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## RAMP Scope

RAMP is currently a **90/10 cost-share** program in which TxDOT will fund up to **\$100,000 total per fiscal year, per eligible airport** for eligible items (see #appendix-b-ramp-item-eligibility). The **sponsor (local government) match is 10%** of the actual eligible costs **plus any amount above \$111,111.11**.

A **sponsor** can be a city, a county, or entities such as river authorities, colleges, navigation districts, and similar public entities.

All RAMP grant work issued in a fiscal year must be completed in the **same fiscal year**. TxDOT's fiscal year begins **September 1** and ends **August 31** of the following year. For example, **Fiscal Year 2026** began **September 1, 2025**, and ends on **August 31, 2026**.

A grant must be **fully executed** (signed by all parties) **before any work is performed**. Until a sponsor is certain the RAMP grant has been executed, they should not perform any work they intend to submit for reimbursement.

The use of **sponsor workforce (force account labor)**, i.e., municipal or county employees performing work at the airport—is **not eligible** for RAMP funding. However, the **materials** used by these forces are **typically eligible** for RAMP reimbursement. An outside contractor or vendor may be used to perform RAMP grant work.

**Airside improvements are always the priority** before assistance with landside maintenance and improvements. For example, a pilot lounge, although generally eligible, would be ineligible if the runway is inoperable.



*Figure 1. Construction at T.P. McCampbell Airport in Ingleside.*

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## Executing a RAMP Grant

To participate in RAMP, the sponsor navigates to **eGrants**, selects an execution option, and submits a **partially executed grant** to TxDOT. There is no formal request process, and a specific maintenance issue does not need to exist to qualify for a RAMP grant. Once the grant is **fully executed** (signed by all parties), the sponsor has until end of day on **August 31** of that fiscal year to complete work and/or receive purchases.

Although work must be completed by **August 31**, **reimbursement requests** may be submitted as late as **November 30** of the calendar year in which the fiscal year ends.

A list of eligible items and additional details on the RAMP program can be found in Appendix B. RAMP Item Eligibility.

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## Before Engaging in a RAMP Project

Before contracting work to be submitted for reimbursement through RAMP funding, the airport sponsor should ensure the following:

- **Schedule:** Enough time remains in the fiscal year for the work to be completed.
  - **Funding:** Sufficient matching funds are available before starting work (**the sponsor must pay 100%** of invoices before they can receive **90% reimbursement** from TxDOT for eligible costs).
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## RAMP Coordinators

Every TxDOT district assigns a **RAMP Coordinator** responsible for providing RAMP assistance and guidance to airports in their district. RAMP Coordinators should:

- Be familiar with the airports in their district.
- Know who your AVN airport planner is and introduce yourself to your AVN planner.
- Be knowledgeable about item and work **eligibility**.
- Know when to **refer** a sponsor to the Aviation Division (e.g., for small capital projects, scope clarifications, or policy questions).

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## RAMP Grant Process

Given frequent turnover in key city, county, and airport roles, some individuals may be unfamiliar with the RAMP program. Establishing a strong partnership among the **Aviation Division RAMP Coordinator**, the **District RAMP Coordinators**, and **airport officials** is essential to ongoing RAMP success.

The RAMP grant process is designed to be **minimally burdensome** for TxDOT. Airports may purchase items or have work performed, **pay for that work**, and then request **reimbursement** from TxDOT with minimal involvement. (See #workforce-requests for TxDOT-performed work.)



*Figure 2. Aviation fuel facility at Levelland Municipal Airport.*

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## Texas Airport Directory and AirNav.com

The **Texas Airport Directory** is a valuable resource for RAMP Coordinators. Each listing contains information such as an airport diagram, manager contact information, attendance schedule, and **fixed-base operator (FBO)** details. The directory is available via website (see #appendix-a-resources) and in hard copy (the website will have the most up-to-date information).

Another resource for RAMP Coordinators is **AirNav.com**, which publishes aeronautical and airport information released by the FAA, such as runway length, traffic patterns, frequencies, operations, facilities and services, chart location, navigational coordinates, radio aids, ownership information, pilot feedback, and other pertinent data.

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## Common Airport Needs

The following figures illustrate examples of pavement failures, faded markings, lighting issues, and other conditions RAMP Coordinators may encounter during an airport visit. Although not exhaustive, these represent common needs that RAMP was designed to address.



Cracking is the most common need to address at airports.

Action: provide crack seal detail/spec; sponsor hires a contractor to perform the work.

*Figure 3. Pavement exhibiting cracking.*



*Figure 4. Poor drainage.*



*Figure 5. Damaged lenses.*



Sun-bleaching leads to oxidation, structural bitterness, and surface cracking.  
Action: Surface treatment (P-631, for example)

*Figure 6. Sun-bleached pavement.*



*Figure 7. Insufficient pavement markings.*



*Figure 8. Pavement exhibiting spalling or shelling.*



*Figure 9. Cracked edges along pavement.*



*Figure 10. Grass growing through cracks in asphalt.*

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## Small Capital Improvement Projects

Small capital improvement projects—such as constructing a new entrance road or expanding an apron area—require **pre-approval and guidance from the Aviation Division**. If an airport is inquiring about a small capital improvement project, they should be referred to their **TxDOT Aviation Planner**. Additional small capital improvement projects are listed in [Small Capital Improvement Projects](#).

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## Workforce Requests

Airports may choose to have certain work—such as **herbicide application** or **fog seal application**—performed by the **TxDOT workforce**. The District RAMP Coordinator will need to make sure that the District Maintenance is aware that this is in place. The process is as follows:

1. The airport submits the **Workforce Request Form** (Sections 1 and 2) to the **District RAMP Coordinator**.
2. The District RAMP Coordinator provides an **estimate** in Section 3 and returns the form to the airport **and the Aviation Division (AVN) RAMP Coordinator**.
3. If the airport chooses to proceed after receiving the estimate, the **AVN RAMP Coordinator** will **amend the grant** to include the requested work and collect the airport's **10% share** of the estimated costs.
4. Once the amendment is signed and the funds are received by TxDOT, the **district may perform the work**.

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## Workforce Charges

When the TxDOT workforce performs work at an airport, it is important for the district to **accurately capture costs in PeopleSoft**. This ensures proper accounting, audit readiness, and timely reimbursement.

**Materials:** The maintenance office that supplies materials for airport work will **Express Issue** the materials in PeopleSoft. Include a brief reference to **RAMP** in the comments field; for example, for herbicide application, enter: Herbicide used for RAMP Program. Charges must be applied to the specific **project-related chartfields**, as shown below (Project ID and AY will vary):

- Department ID: **420000**
- Account: **7611**
- AY: **[Year work performed]** (e.g., 2025)
- Approp: **13024**
- Fund: **0006**
- PC Bus Unit: **60175**
- Project ID/CSJ: **42M2509HILL**
- Activity: **AVN**
- Source: **835**

Notes:

- Project ID will always be "42" followed by the CSJ.
- AY will be the appropriation year in which the work was performed.

**Labor:** Employees who perform work at airports must include the **project number** in their timesheet chartfield detail. TxDOT workforce costs **should not** be charged to an overhead account.

Steps in **My Time and Leave** (PeopleSoft):

1. Enter hours as normal.
2. Select the **Time Details** icon.
3. Click the **Chartfields** hyperlink.
4. Populate the appropriate **project number**.
5. Click **Done**.
6. Click **Done** again.
7. Click **Submit**, then **Accept and Continue**.

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## Airport Visit Preparation

Before visiting an airport:

1. **Coordinate with AVN:** Contact the **AVN Division Planner** to discuss the airport's needs.
  2. **Schedule with the Airport:** Call the **airport manager** in advance to set an appointment and/or introduce yourself.
  3. **Prepare:**
    - Review **basic airport terminology**.
    - Review the **airport diagram** and current operational information.
    - Gather necessary items (e.g., camera/phone for documentation, notebook, measuring tools as needed).
    - **Recruit expertise** if needed (pavements, lighting/electrical, drainage).
    - Bring appropriate **personal protective equipment (PPE)**.
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## Airport Safety

At airports, safe practices are essential because of the operational environment and potential hazards. Do **not** enter active aircraft operation areas without the airport manager or an authorized representative who has access, authority, and appropriate communications (e.g., radio) and can escort through secured gates.

More safety information can be found at the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Safety section at:

[https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_safety](https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_safety)

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## Recruiting Expertise

Do not hesitate to bring additional subject-matter expertise on airport visits. **Maintenance Supervisors, Area Engineers, Directors of Maintenance, Special Crew Supervisors, and Assistant Maintenance Supervisors** can contribute knowledge and historical context. Often, these personnel have prior experience working with the airport.

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## Appendix A. Resources

### Helpful Aviation Division Contacts

- **Cassandra Moore, AVN RAMP Coordinator** — [Cassandra.Moore@txdot.gov](mailto:Cassandra.Moore@txdot.gov)
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### Websites and Resources

- **eGrants:**  
[https://apps2.dot.state.tx.us/apps/egrants2/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=TXDOT\\_Global&ReturnURL=/apps/egrants2/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=TXDOT\\_Global](https://apps2.dot.state.tx.us/apps/egrants2/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=TXDOT_Global&ReturnURL=/apps/egrants2/Login2.aspx?APPTHEME=TXDOT_Global)

#### **Texas Airport Directory Map:**

- <https://maps.dot.state.tx.us/TADSMAP/>

#### **FAA Airport/Facility Directory (Chart Supplement) Advanced Search:**

- [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/flight\\_info/aeronav/digital\\_products/dafd/search/advanced/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/dafd/search/advanced/)

#### **AirNav:**

<https://airnav.com/>

#### **Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP):**

- <https://www.txdot.gov/business/grants-and-funding/routine-airport-maintenance-program-ramp.html>

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## Appendix B. RAMP Item Eligibility

### Overview

Item and service eligibility is organized into four categories:

1. **Eligible Airside Maintenance Needs**
2. **Eligible After Airside Maintenance Needs Are Met**
3. **Eligible Small Capital Improvement Projects**
4. **Ineligible**

RAMP reimbursement focuses on **safety** and **preservation of capital assets**. RAMP **does not** include beautification or routine operational expenses.

If you have questions about a specific item, contact your **TxDOT AVN Planner** or the **AVN RAMP Coordinator**.

### Eligible Airside Maintenance Needs

- Pavement crack sealing / slurry seal / fog seal / rejuvenator.
- Pavement markings.
- Drainage maintenance.
- Airfield FOD sweeping.
- Tree trimming and obstacle clearing for **safety** (e.g., runway obstruction).
- Herbicide treatment on **airside** pavements and perimeter fencing.
- Pesticide treatment around **airside electrical** only.
- Replacement bulbs/lamps for airside lighting fixtures and approach aids.
- Repair and maintenance for beacon, lighting, approach, and navigational aids.
- Eligible air traffic and operations equipment, installation, and associated subscription costs for airport or commercially operated flight tracking system data (in accordance with requirements established in FAA AC 150/5000-17 Critical Aircraft and Regular Use Determination)
- Parts replacement for **Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS)** not covered under warranty.

## Eligible After Airside Maintenance Needs Are Met

- Seal coats / chip seal / crack seal for **non-airside** pavement.
- **Sponsor-owned hangar/terminal** building painting and repairs.
- Security camera systems (**excluding monitoring fees**).
- Game-proof or security fencing and gates; electric gate openers. (Fencing should be of reasonable height to protect the perimeter and discourage trespassers, typically **eight feet or higher**.)
- Access roads for AWOS installations / AWOS **NADIN** interface monthly charge.
- Airport entrance signs.
- Repairs/maintenance to airport-owned fuel systems/fuel farms, including replacement of tanks of the **same size** and in the **same footprint**. (Software and software upgrades are not eligible unless **required for operation** of the fuel system, which would fall under "repair of fuel system.")
- Professional services for preparation and maintenance/update of **SWPPP** and **SPCC** plans.
- Airfield **FOD sweeper**.
- **HVAC** repairs in **terminal buildings** and/or **control towers** only.
- **QT Pod/AWOS** agreement renewals.

## Small Capital Improvement Projects

Projects must **begin and be completed in the same grant fiscal year** unless a prior written exception has been granted by the AVN Division.

**Pre-approval is required** via the Small Capital Improvement Project Approval Request Form submitted to the **TxDOT AVN Planner**.

- Stand-alone **Drainage Study** (submit completed study to TxDOT Aviation prior to reimbursement).
- Design and construct new **public auto parking** (concrete/asphalt).
- Design and construct, along with repairs to the **Hangar Access Taxiway (HAT)**.
- Design and construct new **entrance roads** and **hangar access roads**.
- Design and construct **aircraft wash racks** as indicated by **SWPPP**.
- Design and construct **apron expansions** or new apron areas.
- Design and construct **runway lighting system extensions**.
- Design and construct **drainage improvements**.
- **Pilot lounge / small general aviation terminal buildings**.
- **Beacon/tower** replacements in the same footprint.
- Preparation of **FAA Form 7460-1** (Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration) for RAMP projects.

Note: The Planner may require inclusion in the Airport Layout Plan (ALP), confirmation of environmental compliance, and/or confirmation that a Flight Check will be performed (as applicable) prior to reimbursement.

## **Ineligible Item Overview**

Any item not listed above may be considered ineligible. Sponsors should review this section **before procuring** goods or services to avoid ineligible reimbursement requests. Examples include (not exhaustive):

### **Project Usage:**

- Any RAMP project that is not 100% for public use.

### **Vehicles/Equipment (purchase or maintenance/repairs):**

- Courtesy vehicles, tractors, mowers, and ARFF vehicles.

### **Capital equipment/expenditures:**

- Aircraft dollies, lawn mowers, sound cannons, golf carts, snow/ice removal equipment, furniture, striping machines, window AC units, mobile generators, power washers, hangars.

### **Routine operating expenditures:**

- Carpet cleaning, monthly utility bills, tree trimming and landscaping for beautification, mowing, trash collection and recycling, wheeled fire extinguishers, pest control and pesticides (unless around airside electrical components), bidding and advertising, oil storage tanks, office furniture, tools, office equipment and electronics (computers, monitors, etc.), storage buildings (construct, repair, or purchase), Part 139 and other airport regulatory software implementation and subscription costs, Airport Layout Plan (ALP), force account work by sponsor, in-vehicle aviation radio, FAA Flight Checks, any work related to damage that is part of an insurance claim process.

### **Consumables:**

- Batteries (except for AWOS), air and water filters, tools, interior light bulbs, cleaning supplies, replacement monitors/computer equipment for office operations.

### **Professional/Design services:**

- Professional services for any project not approved in writing by TxDOT under the RAMP Grant, design or professional services associated with a CIP project, architectural services, construction projects, or design work exceeding the FY grant duration.

**Grant timing:**

- Work performed or purchases made **prior to the grant being fully executed** (the execution date is the date of the **last signature**), any invoice reflecting goods/services completed **outside** the executed RAMP grant year.

## Appendix C. District RAMP Coordinators

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