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REPRESENTING THE INTEREST OF ALL  
PUBLIC USE AIRPORTS IN IOWA

## IPAA State Legislative Priorities 2019

### Airport Infrastructure Reinvestment for Iowa (AIR-Iowa)

According to the State Aviation System Plan (2010-2030) **Iowa's aviation system need** is \$816M or **\$43M per year**. From commercial passengers, to commercial freight, and our corporate and general aviation communities, **Iowa's system of airports needs** significant investment if Iowa is to remain competitive in today's global marketplace.

Iowa's **current allocation** for airport vertical infrastructure is **\$2.2M** dollars per year leaving an **unfunded gap of \$40.8M annually**. The Iowa Public Airports Association respectfully request the Governor include in her budget a **commitment to STRENGTHEN Iowa's airport system**. By making a **10-year commitment of Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Funds (RIIF)** funds in the amount of **\$16.5M per year**, for a total of \$165M toward airport vertical infrastructure. The total investment would be **derived entirely** from **Iowa's RIIF program**.

### Program Highlights

1. IPAA fully supports an **aviation system investment approach**;
2. **All 99 counties** would see an increase in **infrastructure investment** at their airports;
3. As proposed, Iowa's annual investment in **general aviation** airport vertical infrastructure would increase to **\$3.0M**;
4. As proposed, Iowa's annual investment in **commercial service** airport vertical infrastructure would increase to **\$13.5M**; and,
5. **All funds** dispersed would **require a 5 percent local match** by the Airport Owner.

### Program Details

#### 1. *Commercial Service Airports:*

A total of \$13.5M allocated to Commercial Service Airports each year or \$135M over a 10-year period. To be eligible, a facility would have to meet the federal definition of a Commercial Service Airport. Funds would be allocated as follows:

- Each of the eight Commercial Service Airports would receive \$300,000; and,
- Remaining funds would be dispersed and/or allocated based upon the percentage of passenger enplanements, similar to the current FAA entitlement funding formula for grants issued under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

#### 2. *General Aviation Airports:*

A total of \$3.0M allocated to General Aviation Airports each year or \$30M over a 10-year period. The funds would be allocated according to the current project priority rating system as administered by Iowa's Department of Transportation via the Office of Aviation.