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Regional Airports Development Scheme

What is the scheme?

The Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS) is a Western Australian Government grant program delivered by the Department of Transport (DoT). RADS is aimed at improving aerodrome infrastructure in regional Western Australia.

RADS provides funding for regional airports to upgrade facilities in the following categories:

- airside infrastructure development;
- terminal development;
- grounds development;
- maintenance projects; and
- planning documents (including airport masterplans).

Thanks to the Royalties for Regions initiative, the funds offered through RADS have increased from approximately \$2 million to \$7 million each year.

RADS is generally based on joint funding, providing a co-contribution up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of the project.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants are eligible for RADS funding if they meet all of the following criteria:

- they own or lease the airport;
- the organisation has an Australian Business Number;
- the aerodrome is accessible to the public;
- the aerodrome is being maintained on an ongoing basis;
- the project will benefit the wider community ;and
- the project could not be undertaken without RADS assistance.

How are the applications assessed?

The RADS Consultative Committee, comprising of State and Local Government representatives as well as the Royal Flying Doctor Services, will evaluate applications and the DoT will make recommendations for approval to the Minister for Transport.

Applying for a RADS grant

Application forms can be downloaded from the Department's website at:

www.transport.wa.gov.au/aviation

Alternatively application forms may be mailed upon request.

The period for application submissions commences at the beginning of each calendar year, with the projects set to commence in the upcoming financial year.

Next funding round

Information about the next funding round can be obtained from the Department's website at www.transport.wa.gov.au/aviation or by phone on (08) 6551 6192.

Late applications will not be considered.

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Summary of RADS grant application process

