

**FY 2026 Budget Performance Review  
OK Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics, 060**

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**Agency Mission**

The mission of the Department is to promote aviation and aerospace, which includes ensuring that the needs of commerce and communities across the state are met by the state's 108 public airports that comprise the Oklahoma Airport System, to foster the growth of the aerospace industry, and to help ensure the workforce needs of the aerospace industry are addressed by educating and making Oklahomans aware of the job opportunities that are available.

**Division and Program Descriptions**

Note: Please define any acronyms used in program descriptions.

**Administration, Division 60**

This division contains administration, operations, communications and legislative affairs duties. The Aerospace and Aviation Education Grant Program and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS/AAM) department are also included in this division.

**ISD, Division 88**

This division contains all IT-related expenditures.

**Airport Assistance, Division 90**

This division manages the agency's airport construction program, provides grant management for all airport construction grants, performs 5010 inspections, regulates the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act and the Anemometer Tower programs, among other duties.

**FY'25 Budgeted Department Funding By Source**

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Local <sup>1</sup>	Other <sup>2</sup>	Total
6000100	Administration			\$2,040,479			\$2,040,479
6000200	Education	\$1,000,000		\$1,201,701			\$2,201,701
6000500	Airport Personnel			\$967,607			\$967,607
6000700	UAS/AAM	\$3,540,000		\$4,530,198			\$8,070,198
8800060	ISD DP - Admin			\$166,200			\$166,200
9000000-128	Airport Construction Projects	\$50,697,786	\$558,101	\$30,265,579			\$81,521,466
9100000	PREP Ardmore	\$8,937,520					\$8,937,520
9200000	PREP Tulsa Tower	\$16,399,425					\$16,399,425
9300000	PREP OKC Hangar	\$400,000					\$400,000
9400000	PREP Woodward	\$16,102,470					\$16,102,470
9500000	PREP Hangars	\$7,994,743					\$7,994,743
9600000	PREP Air Service Development Grant Program	\$4,000,000					\$4,000,000
9700000	Engine Test Cell Program	\$16,000,000					\$16,000,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$125,071,944</b>	<b>\$558,101</b>	<b>\$39,171,764</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$164,801,809</b>

1. Please describe source of Local funding not included in other categories:

2. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding if applicable for each department:

**Balances of Appropriated Funds from Prior Fiscal Years**

3-digit Class Fund #	Class Fund Name	GA Bill # and Section #	Fiscal Year of Original Appropriation	Original Appropriation Amount (\$)	Total Expended Amount as of 8/31/2024 (\$)	Balance as of 8/31/2024 (\$)
194	FY24 Appropriation carryover	HB1004X, Sec. 66	24	\$11,000,000	\$4,989,430	\$6,010,570
<b>Total remaining prior year appropriation balance:</b>						<b>\$6,010,570</b>

Report appropriations that have existing balances from all prior fiscal years at the 3-digit class fund number (i.e. 193, 194). Do not report carryover class funds separately. Include appropriations located in disbursing funds. Report PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.

**What changes did the agency make between FY'24 and FY'25?**

1.) Are there any services no longer provided because of budget cuts?

None

2.) What services are provided at a higher cost to the user?

None

3.) What services are still provided but with a slower response rate?

None

4.) Did the agency provide any pay raises that were not legislatively/statutorily required?

The agency provided raises to selected staff based on a market study that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation completed and share with Cabinet agencies.

**Appropriation Increase Review**

Appropriation Increase Purpose	Appropriation Increases (Additional to Agency Base Appropriation)			Total Expenditure of Increase as of 6/30/2024	Expenditures  If funds have not been spent, please explain why.
	FY 2023	FY 2024	Total Amount Received FY 2023-2024		
Airport growth infrastructure projects	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	\$1,860,222	Remaining 193 funds were paid out in Aug. 2024  A large portion of these funds are going towards 4 mega projects that will take several years to complete given the size and scope of the projects. All are currently under construction and a considerable amount will be paid out in FY25 Airport infrastructure projects typically take 18-24 months to be designed and completed. UAS funds will be spent as soon as RFP is completed with OMES (Q4 of CY 2024).
PREP airport infrastructure projects	\$100,950,000		\$100,950,000	\$6,355,930	
Airport growth infrastructure projects, UAS infrastructure		\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$3,595,159	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$102,950,000</b>	<b>\$7,000,000</b>	<b>\$109,950,000</b>	<b>\$11,811,310</b>	

List appropriation increases that the agency has received in the prior two years. List amounts received in each year. Include PREP, but not ARPA/SRF, appropriations.

**FY'26 Requested Funding By Department and Source**

Dept. #	Department Name	Appropriations	Federal	Revolving	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total	% Change
6000100	Administration			\$2,043,000		\$2,043,000	0.12%
6000200	Education	\$1,000,000		\$1,201,700		\$2,201,700	0.00%
6000500	Airport Personnel			\$970,000		\$970,000	0.25%
6000600	UAS/AAM	\$2,000,000		\$2,500,000		\$4,500,000	-44.24%

8800060	ISD DP - Admin			\$168,000		\$168,000	1.08%
9000000-127	Airport Construction Projects	\$14,000,000	\$555,000	\$25,000,000		\$39,555,000	-51.48%
9700000	Engine Test Cell Program					\$0	-100.00%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$17,000,000</b>	<b>\$555,000</b>	<b>\$31,882,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$49,437,700</b>	<b>-70.00%</b>

1. Please describe source(s) and % of total of "Other" funding for each department:

FY'26 Top Five Operational Appropriated Funding Increase Requests				
Request by Priority	Request Description	Is this a Supplemental Request? (Yes/No)	Timeframe (One-Time or Recurring)	Appropriation Request Increase Amount (\$)
Request 1:	Airport growth infrastructure investment	No	Recurring	\$1,000,000
Request 2:	Unmanned aircraft systems and advanced air mobility infrastructure	No	Recurring	\$1,000,000
<b>Top Five Request Subtotal:</b>				<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>Total Increase above FY-25 Budget (including all requests)</b>				<b>\$2,000,000</b>
Difference between Top Five requests and total requests:				\$0

What are the agency's top 2-3 capital or technology (one-time) requests, if applicable?		
Description of requested increase in order of priority	Needed State Funding for Project (\$)	Submitted to LRCPC or OCAMP? (Yes/No)
Priority 1: None		
Priority 2:		
Priority 3:		

List any requests for new construction from the Legacy Capital Fund		
Description of requested increase in order of priority	Needed State Funding for Project (\$)	Submitted to LRCPC? (Yes/No)
Priority 1: None		
Priority 2:		
Priority 3:		

Does the agency have any costs associated with the Pathfinder retirement system and federal employees?  
No

How would the agency be affected by receiving the same appropriation for FY '26 as was received in FY '25? (Flat/ 0% change)  
Agency would not be able to grow our new vertical infrastructure programs that supports airports with building new hangars, terminals and fuel systems that seek to increase economic development.

How would the agency handle a 2% appropriation reduction in FY '26?  
Agency would have to decrease the amount awarded for our vertical infrastructure program which supports airports with building hangars, terminals and fuel systems.

Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY '26?		
Description of requested increase in order of priority	Fee Increase Request (\$)	Statutory change required? (Yes/No)
Increase 1: N/A		
Increase 2:		
Increase 3:		

Federal Funds							
CFDA	Federal Program Name	Agency Dept. #	FY 25 budget (\$)	FY 24 actuals (\$)	FY 23 actuals (\$)	FY 22 actuals (\$)	FY 24 budgeted FTE (#)
201060000	Preliminary Engineering Report Program (PER)	Multiple	558,101	367,057	279,963	163,649	1 Grants Manager who manages all federal grants
201060000	Oklahoma Airport System Plan (OASP)	9000110	0	0	98,406	320,539	
201060000	FAA Workforce Development Grant	6000200	0	119,800	247,222	130,699	
201060000	Economic Impact Study Phase 1	6000200	798,481	0	0	0	

**Federal Government Impact**

1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?  
Any federal funds we receive are granted towards a specific deliverable or project.

2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?  
No

3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?  
The result would be detrimental to airport infrastructure and aviation safety-related projects in the state.

4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?  
Unknown at this time.

5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?  
The agency has advocated to our federal delegation for an increase to the FAA's improvement program so that airports can receive additional infrastructure dollars.

FY 2025 Budgeted FTE							
Division #	Division Name	Supervisors	Non-Supervisors	\$0 - \$35 K	\$35 K - \$70 K	\$70 K - \$100K	\$100K+
60	Administration	4	13	0	3	8	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>

FTE History by Fiscal Year							
Division #	Division Name	FY 2025 Budgeted	FY 2025 YTD	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2016
60	Administration	17.0	15.0	14.0	13.0	12.0	11.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>17.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>

Performance Measure Review					
	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
Statewide Airport System					

At least 85% of the programmed funds identified in the current state fiscal and federal fiscal year will be granted to airports.	88%	80%	97%	100%	95%
<b>Aerospace and Aviation Education Grant Program</b>					
Increase the number of grant applicants each year.	71	62	57	44	31
<b>Administer the Aircraft Pilot and Passenger Protection Act (APPPA)</b>					
Evaluate every complete application in accordance with the law and administrative rules. Ensure those applicants that are denied permits will be provided with the required documentation on the proper timeline. Ensure those applicants that receive permits will be provided with the required documentation on the proper timeline and that they return any additional documentation as specified by the law and administrative rules.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Perform 5010 Airport Inspections</b>					
Commission staff will conduct a safety and standards inspection on a three-year cycle on the State's 135 public-use airports.	39	60	30	36	44

Revolving Funds (200 Series Funds)			
	FY'22-24 Avg. Revenues	FY'22-24 Avg. Expenditures	June '24 Balance
<b>Fund: 200 / ODAA Revolving Fund</b>			
ODAA revolving fund is used to fund agency operating expenses, aerospace and aviation education grant program, the UAS/AAM program, as well as airport construction grants. The revenue comes from gasoline excise tax, aircraft registration fees, aircraft excise tax, APPPA fees, and specialty license plate sales.	\$8,301,344	\$4,558,506	\$15,891,898
<b>Fund: 215 / Long-Term Aerospace &amp; Aeronautics Infrastructure Sustainability Fund</b>			
This fund is used for airport construction projects. The revenue comes from appropriations from the Legislature. The fund is new for FY2025.	\$0	\$0	\$0

FY 2025 Current Employee Telework Summary						
List each agency physical location (not division), then report the number of employees associated with that location in the teleworking categories indicated. Use "No specified location" to account for remote employees not associated with a site. Use actual current employees (headcount), not budgeted or actual FTE.			Full-time and Part-time Employees (#)			
Agency Location / Address	City	County	Onsite (5 days onsite, rarely remote)	Hybrid (2-4 days onsite weekly)	Remote (1 day or less weekly onsite)	Total Employees
100 N. Robinson Avenue	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	2	12	1	15
<b>Total Agency Employees</b>						<b>15</b>