NOTICES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Availability of
Local Real Estate Tax Reimbursement Grants
for Taxes Paid in 2020

The Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation, is accepting applications for Local Real Estate Tax Reimbursement Grants from qualifying owners of public airports who have paid local real estate taxes for the calendar year ending December 31, 2020. Each year pursuant to Subchapter B of the Aviation Code (74 Pa. C.S. Sections 6121 through 6124) and 67 Pa. Code Chapter 477, the owner of a public airport shall be eligible for a grant from the local real estate tax reimbursement portion of the Aviation Restricted Account. These grants are available to reimburse airport owners for local real estate taxes paid on those portions of an airport which are aviation-related areas, as defined in Section 5102 of the Aviation Code (74 Pa. C.S. § 5102). New this year, prior to submitting an application for reimbursement, each public airport owner must apply for a new grant agreement with the Department. This agreement shall specify that the owner shall continue, for a period of not less than ten years, to maintain the property for which the grant will be sought as an airport at least equal in size and capacity as indicated in the owner's initial grant application. This agreement shall be a covenant, which runs with the land and shall apply to any subsequent purchases of land. Upon acceptance of any grant the covenant shall be deemed extended for one additional year. Any violation of the agreement shall make the owner liable for the repayment of the total appropriation for the year plus a penalty of two times the grant. In any action wherein the owner is found to have violated the agreement, the Department shall receive all costs of prosecution. Once fully executed, the airport owner may then submit an application to request reimbursement of their 2020 real estate taxes paid.

The final date for submission of applications for reimbursement of local real estate taxes paid in the calendar year ending December 31, 2020 is the close of business on February 1, 2021. Applications shall be filed with the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aviation using e-Grants, the Department’s web based grants administration program.
For more detailed information on the Real Estate Tax Reimbursement Grant Program, please review the information on our website at http://www.penndot.gov. Hover over "Doing Business" and click on "Aviation" followed by "Aviation Grants". Next, click on "Aviation Grant Programs" under RESOURCES. Real Estate Tax Reimbursement Grant Program. Under the RESOURCES section:

To request a new agreement, click: "2020 Re Tax Agreement Application Instructions"

To submit an application for reimbursement, click: "2020 Re Tax Reimbursement Request for Applicant Instructions"

Interested persons may direct their request for online participation, inquiries, or comments regarding the local real estate tax reimbursement to the Grant Administration Resource email: RA-PDMMDOTGRANTREQUS@pa.gov.

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