



**NORTH TEXAS ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY READINESS
CALL FOR PROJECTS
APPLICATION INFORMATION PACKET**

Applications Due: August 7, 2026



North Central Texas
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NORTH TEXAS AVIATION PROGRAM

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Introduction

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is announcing the North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Readiness Call for Projects to support near-term airport infrastructure improvements that help prepare the region for the next generation of aviation activity. Through this initiative, NCTCOG is making **one million dollars (\$1,000,000)** in Regional Transportation Council local funding available to eligible public-use airports in the 12-county NCTCOG region for electric charging infrastructure that supports Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) and electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft readiness.

North Texas is positioned to play a leading role in the development, testing, and eventual deployment of AAM technologies. Regional airports are central to that effort. Airports participating in, supporting, or aligning with the Federal Aviation Administration's eVTOL Integration Pilot Program (eIPP), the Center for Advanced Aviation Technologies (CAAT), and related regional AAM planning activities are strongly encouraged to apply. These initiatives will depend on a connected network of prepared airports that can support future demonstrations, operational testing, charging needs, aircraft staging, public-private partnerships, and long-term aviation innovation.

This Call for Projects is intended to help airports move from planning to implementation by supporting practical infrastructure investments that improve AAM readiness. Eligible projects should demonstrate how the proposed charging infrastructure will prepare the airport to support future eVTOL operations, attract operators or private-sector partners, strengthen regional AAM deployment opportunities, and align with existing airport planning documents such as the Airport Layout Plan or Airport Master Plan.

By investing in airport readiness now, North Texas can better position its aviation system to support FAA, CAAT, TxDOT, airport, industry, and local government efforts to advance safe, scalable, and regionally beneficial AAM operations. The goal of this program is not only to fund individual airport improvements, but also to help build a coordinated regional network of airports capable of supporting future AAM demonstrations, early operations, and long-term electric aviation growth.

The deadline to submit applications is August 7th, 2026, at 5:00pm.

See *How to Apply* below for more information.

Funding

One million dollars (\$1,000,000) in total Regional Transportation Council (RTC) local funding is available to support Advanced Air Mobility electric charging infrastructure purchases. The maximum award per applicant is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). Funding is competitive and not guaranteed.

Contact Information

Please submit any questions or comments about this funding initiative to:

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General Guidelines

Each eligible airport or sponsoring agency may submit one project proposal under this Call for Projects. Funding is limited to one charging infrastructure project per airport. The maximum award amount is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) per selected project. Funding is competitive, and NCTCOG is not obligated to award all available funds.

This program will be administered as a cost reimbursement program. Selected applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with NCTCOG before project activities start and reimbursement can occur. NCTCOG is currently evaluating the appropriate agreement structure and will coordinate with selected entities on final agreement requirements, eligible expenses, reimbursement procedures, reporting expectations, and documentation requirements.

Project costs must be reasonable, necessary, properly documented, and directly related to the approved project scope. Eligible expenses may include the purchase and installation of electric charging infrastructure and other directly related project costs approved by NCTCOG. Costs incurred before RTC approval of award or execution of an Agreement with NCTCOG will not be eligible for reimbursement.

For purposes of this Call for Projects, eligible expenses are limited to the cost of the eVTOL charger and other infrastructure directly required to install and make the charger operational on the airport site. The direct result of the funded project must culminate in an eVTOL charger installed on site. Stand-alone enabling projects, including electrical upgrades, utility improvements, site work, software, networking, warranties, operations and maintenance, or other improvements that do not directly terminate with an eVTOL charger on site, are not eligible.

Applicants should be prepared to demonstrate that the proposed project is feasible, implementable, and consistent with airport planning and operational needs. Applications should include a clear project description, estimated schedule, cost estimate, supporting quote or documentation, description of regional benefit, and documentation showing consistency with the Airport Layout Plan, Airport Master Plan, or other relevant airport planning materials.

For this Call for Projects, a feasible and implementable project should identify a specific charger or charger type, proposed installation location, realistic schedule, cost

documentation, and any necessary coordination with the airport sponsor, utility provider, and prospective user, operator, or partner. Applications should also include available equipment specifications, anticipated charging requirements, and documentation demonstrating compatibility with the intended eVTOL use case or prospective operator/OEM requirements. NCTCOG is looking to accommodate airfields that are engaged with, aligned with, or positioned to support CAAT, eIPP, TxDOT AAM activities, regional AAM corridors, or another impending operational, demonstration, or partnership need for an eVTOL charger.

Projects should support regional AAM readiness and should clearly explain how the proposed infrastructure could support future eVTOL operations, airport electrification needs, operator engagement, public-private partnerships, emergency response, cargo, passenger mobility, demonstration flights, or other emerging aviation use cases. Projects that support airports involved in or aligned with CAAT, eIPP, TxDOT AAM efforts, regional AAM corridors, or other NCTCOG aviation innovation initiatives should clearly describe that connection in the application.

Selected applicants will be expected to coordinate with NCTCOG throughout project development and implementation. This may include providing project status updates, cost documentation, installation information, performance data, photographs, equipment specifications, and other information needed to document regional benefits and support future AAM planning efforts.

To comply with applicable requirements and internal agency policy, NCTCOG must have a Risk Assessment on file before entering into any subrecipient agreement. Applicants that have not completed a Risk Assessment with NCTCOG within the past calendar year must complete the required online form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/InnovationCFP>.

Applicants that are unsure whether their agency has completed a Risk Assessment within the past calendar year may contact Shyla Camarena at 817-704-2502 or scamarena@nctcog.org to verify.

As part of this process, applicants will be required to provide a Unique Entity Identifier and proof of current registration with the System for Award Management. Applicants can receive a Unique Entity Identifier and begin the SAM registration process at no cost at: <https://www.sam.gov>.

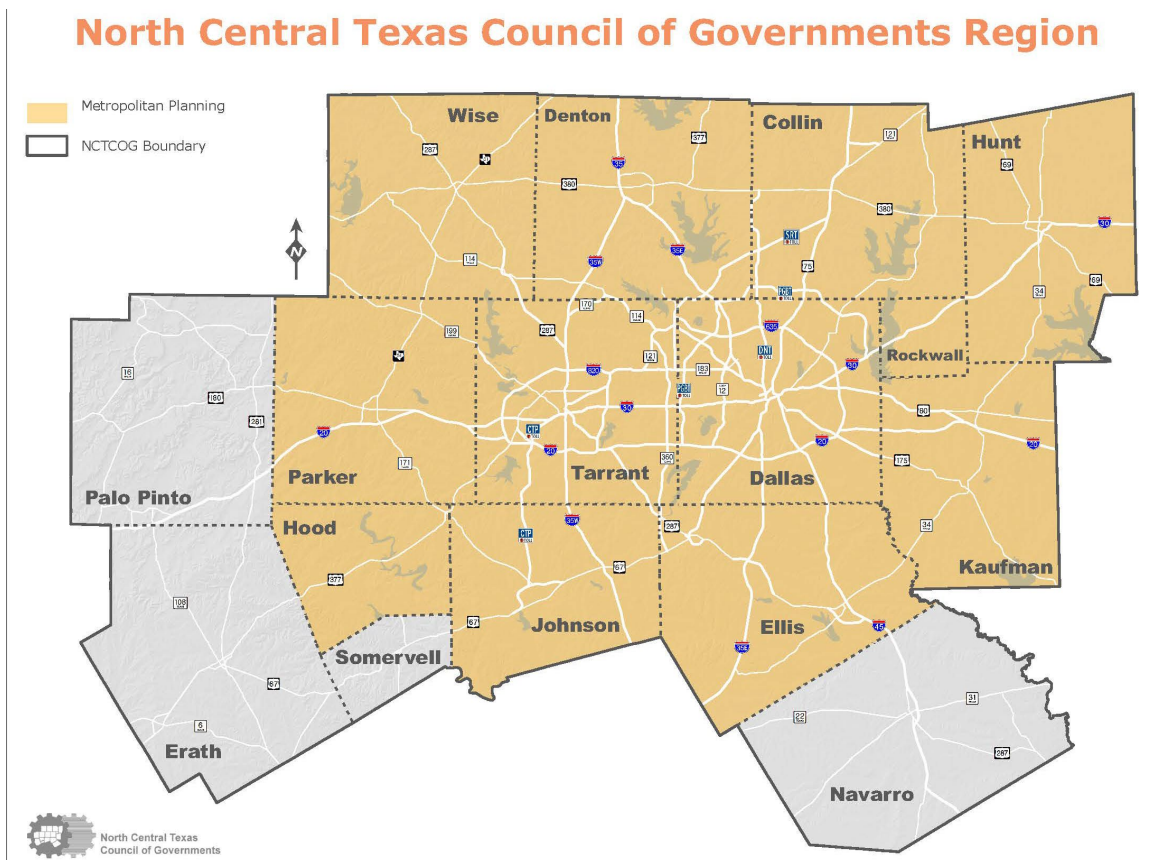
If a Unique Entity Identifier has not yet been assigned or the SAM registration has not been approved by the application deadline, the applicant should include the date the Unique Entity Identifier was requested and/or the date the SAM registration was submitted.

The Regional Transportation Council will approve final project selections and funding levels. NCTCOG may recommend full funding, partial funding, or no funding for submitted projects based on eligibility, evaluation criteria, available funds, project readiness, and regional benefit.

Eligible Applicants

To participate in the AAM Call for Projects, airports must:

- Be a public-use airport located within the 12-county NCTCOG region (Entities include those located in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise counties).
- If an airport operator, be sponsored by a public partner agency (i.e., city, county, state, etc.).
- Demonstrate consistency with Airport Master Plans and/or Airport Layout Plans.
- Commit to regional coordination and performance reporting.
- Airports participating in, supporting, or positioned to support CAAT, eIPP, TxDOT AAM activities, regional AAM corridors, or other NCTCOG aviation innovation initiatives are strongly encouraged to apply and should describe that connection in the application.



Property Management Requirements

Agencies must maintain grant-funded equipment, including information technology systems such as computing devices, ancillary equipment, software, firmware, and similar procedures and services in accordance with the Texas Grant Management Standards and will be subject

to monitoring by NCTCOG. This means that an Agency must insure and maintain grant-funded equipment in good working order, operate it in a manner consistent with the grant, maintain an inventory of the grant-funded equipment, and provide information concerning the use and condition of the equipment upon request. When the equipment acquired is no longer needed, the Agency must contact NCTCOG for further instructions regarding disposition. Equipment may not be sold, scrapped, or otherwise disposed of until written approval is received from NCTCOG. Sale, scrap, or other disposal without NCTCOG approval may result in a partial return of funding.

Funding Match Requirements

There are no match requirements for this program. Projects will be funded at 100 percent with Regional Transportation Council local funds.

Evaluation Criteria

Airports will be evaluated based on:

- Consistency with Advanced Air Mobility within the Airport Layout Plan and/or the Airport Master Plan (30%).
- Demonstrated understanding of AAM technologies and infrastructure requirements (40%).
- Demonstrated potential to attract AAM operators or private investment (5%).
- Strength of partnerships and implementation timeline (25%).

NCTCOG may select full or partial funding for projects and is not obligated to award all available funds.

Schedule:

Date	Action
April 24, 2026	STTC Action
June 11, 2026	RTC Action
June 26, 2026	Open Call for Projects (45 Days)
July 13, 2026	Public Meeting
August 7, 2026	Close Call for Projects
August 13, 2026	STTC Action – Recommended Ideas
September 10, 2026	RTC Action – Final Ideas
September 2026	Executive Board
Fall 2026	Execute Interlocal Agreements and Begin Projects

How to Apply

Application Process

Applications and supplemental materials may be obtained online at the following website location <https://nctcog.org/trans/funds/cfps/north-texas-aam-call-for-projects>.

For applications to be considered, three (3) signed copies of the application and supporting materials submitted “in hand” to NCTCOG offices, and one (1) electronic copy should be submitted to TransRFPS@nctcog.org. An in-hand submittal may consist of either a hard-copy application or a flash drive delivered by the deadline. Flash drives that are unreadable or contain corrupted files will be considered nonresponsive. The in-hand submittal will count as the official submittal. An electronic submittal should also be sent to TransRFPS@nctcog.org. However, the electronic submittal is not sufficient to constitute an application on its own and will only be considered a courtesy/convenience copy.

In addition to the hard copy submittal, NCTCOG is testing a new e-procurement system and encourages a courtesy electronic submission of the application through Bidnet at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/texas/nctcog> . Instructions for how to submit through Bidnet can be found on the NCTCOG purchasing page at <https://www.nctcog.org/agency-administration/purchasing>.

Electronic documents must be submitted in PDF format.

- Graphics (maps, diagrams, renderings): PDF, JPEG, or bitmap format.
- Applications containing original signatures should be labeled “Original.”
- No supplemental information (other than administrative clarifications) will be accepted after the application deadline.

Deadline: In accordance with Call for Projects Procedures, or similar mechanism, established by the Regional Transportation Council Bylaws, NCTCOG must have the submitted project applications “in hand” at the NCTCOG offices by 5:00 pm CST on August 7, 2026. Applications received after that time will not be considered and will be returned to the applicant unopened. A postmark by the established deadline does not constitute an on-time application. Project sponsors are encouraged to submit their applications far enough in advance of the submission deadline to allow NCTCOG staff to review applications for completeness.

Submittal Addresses: Mail: North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Department Attn: Ernest Huffman, Program Manager P.O. Box 5888 Arlington, Texas 76005-5888 Physical Location: North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Department Attn: Ernest Huffman, Program Manager 616 Six Flags Drive Arlington, Texas 76011.

Eligible airports must submit a complete application by the deadline identified in this Call for Projects.

Application Requirements

Applicants should be prepared to clearly define:

- A project description
- An estimated project schedule
- Cost estimate and supporting documentation
- Regional benefit
- Documentation demonstrating consistency with Airport Layout Plan and/or Airport Master Plan

Projects must align with NCTCOG aviation planning and education priorities and demonstrate measurable readiness. NCTCOG reserves the right to request additional documentation.

Funding Administration and Reimbursement of Expenses

- Selected applicants will be notified in writing of their selection and the funding amount awarded.
- Project activities may not begin until execution of an Agreement with NCTCOG.
- Costs must be reasonable, necessary, actual, and eligible under the program guidelines.