

A PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE SCHEDULED REGIONAL AIR SERVICE UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHOULD RECEIVE STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE PROGRAM;

(3) MAKE GRANTS OR LOANS OF FUNDS THROUGH THE PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH THE DETERMINATIONS MADE UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

(4) ADOPT REGULATIONS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO BE NECESSARY; AND

(5) TAKE ANY OTHER ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE THAT ARE REASONABLY DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO BE NECESSARY.

(B) ANY GRANT OF A PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE SCHEDULED REGIONAL AIR SERVICE UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

5-1305.

BEFORE EXERCISING ANY AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER § 5-1304 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REGIONAL AIR SERVICE IN THE STATE THAT, AT A MINIMUM, IDENTIFIES AND CONSIDERS:

(I) THE AREAS OF THE STATE MOST IN NEED OF REGIONAL AIR SERVICE;

(II) THE TARGET PASSENGER MARKET IN THE STATE FOR REGIONAL AIR SERVICE;

(III) OPTIMAL FLIGHT AND FARE SCHEDULES TO SERVE THE TARGET MARKET IN AN EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER;

(IV) OPTIONS FOR AIRCRAFT TO BE EMPLOYED IN PROVIDING REGIONAL AIR SERVICE; AND

(V) DIRECT AND INDIRECT OPERATING COSTS AND POTENTIAL REVENUE SOURCES, INCLUDING PASSENGER FARES AND FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REVENUES; AND

(2) RECOMMEND TO THE SECRETARY POLICIES AND SPENDING PRIORITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SECTION.

5-1306.

(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL SEEK FULL FUNDING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5-1307 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR THE PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.