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**TO:** South Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
**FROM:** Jack Dokken, Office of Aeronautics  
**DATE:** December 8, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** City of Sturgis Airport Fuel Tax Funding Request

The City of Sturgis is requesting the use their entire fuel tax fund balance of \$4185.24 to help install a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Weather Camera system which is estimated to cost \$10,000 for purchase and installation.

The Department of Transportation recommends approval of fuel tax funds in the amount of \$4185.24.

Additionally, the City of Sturgis is requesting any additional funding the Aeronautics Commission would find suitable to help pay the balance of approximately \$5,814.76.



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South Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
Office of Air, Rail and Transit  
Department of Transportation  
700 E. Broadway Ave.  
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Dear South Dakota Aeronautics Commission,

The City of Sturgis Municipal Airport would like to install a FAA Weather Camera system. These camera systems are being installed at all North Dakota airports and can be seen at ([weathercams.faa.gov](http://weathercams.faa.gov)).

These 360-degree cameras provide a real time visual look at the airport's weather. These cameras would be a great way to enhance the AWOS III P system to aid in flight planning and helping with the go/no-go decision.

The estimated cost to purchase and install a 360-degree camera system is \$10,000. We are requesting to use our fuel tax dollars to help cover part of the system's cost. Additionally, we are asking for the commission for additional funding to help with the cost of this system.

Sincerely,

Dave Smith  
Director of Planning & Permitting