Airport Improvement Program

Total Funding Available: $1.1 billion

Overview: The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies---and, in some cases, to private owners and entities---for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

Special Factors:

- No matching funds required.
- Priority is to be given to projects that will be completed within two (2) years.
- Funds cannot supplant existing funding.
- Fifty percent of funding must be obligated with 120 after apportionment All other funds must be obligated within one (1) year of apportionment.
- Periodic reports to the Federal Aviation Administration that include information on spending and job creation will be required.

How to Access Funding: Grants will be awarded at the Secretary's discretion. AIP funds are typically first apportioned into major entitlement categories such as primary, cargo, and general aviation. Remaining funds are distributed to a discretionary fund. Set-aside projects (airport noise and the Military Airport Program) receive first attention from this discretionary distribution. The remaining funds are true discretionary funds that are distributed according to a national prioritization formula.

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