

PROGRAM: Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration

DESCRIPTION: 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).

ELIGIBLE USE:

- Grants may be used for a public-use airport is an airport open to the public that is also
 - Publicly owned, or
 - Privately owned but designated by the FAA as a reliever, or
 - Privately owned but having scheduled service and at least 2,500 annual enplanements.
- The airport must be included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).
- Eligible projects include those improvements related to enhancing airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns.
- AIP grants may be used for construction and repair of runways, taxiways, aprons and roads within airport boundaries; land acquisition; site preparation; construction and installation of lighting utilities, navigational aids and certain off-site work; purchase of safety equipment and equipment for security; snow removal, aviation-related weather reporting and measuring runway surface friction; development of airport terminals, and airport systems and plans; and fire fighting and emergency rescue equipment.
- Funds may also be used for any construction or new equipment purchases necessary for compliance under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the airport.

PROGRAM/LOAN STRUCTURE: For large and medium primary hub airports, the grant covers 75 percent of eligible costs (or 80 percent for noise program implementation). For small primary, reliever, and general aviation airports, the grant covers 95 percent of eligible costs.

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA/COMMENTS:

- State, county, municipal and other public agencies may apply for the grants. Privately owned reliever airports and privately-owned airports with scheduled passenger service and 2,500 or more annual enplanements are also eligible.
- Visit the website for more information at [http://www.faa.gov/airports airtraffic/airports/aip/](http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/airports/aip/) , the homepage is www.faa.gov/index/cfm , or call toll free 1-866-TELL-FAA (1-866-835-5322)