

AIRPORT PROJECT FUNDING 101



SAN MARCOS
REGIONAL AIRPORT

FAA FUNDS

Texas is a **Block Grant State** and has assumed responsibility for administering Federal Aviation Administration grants at airports classified as “other than primary” (nonprimary commercial service, reliever, and general aviation airports). The State is responsible for determining which locations will receive FAA funds for eligible airport projects.

- ✓ **Nonprimary Entitlement (NPE)**
Allowance of \$150,000; can be banked up to four years for a total of \$600,000
- ✓ **FAA State Apportionment**
~\$19M annually; competitive grants for federally classified airports
- ✓ **Discretionary**
~\$10-14M allocated for highly-ranked projects as reviewed and selected by FAA
- ✓ **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)**
5-year program that includes annual funding based on federal classification; can be used similarly to NPE

STATE FUNDS

The State Aviation Facilities Development Program (AFDP) is generally reserved for airports not eligible for federal funding because they are either unclassified or not in the federal airport system plan.

- ✓ **AFDP**
~\$15M of State appropriated funds for non-federally eligible airports
- ✓ **Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP)**
Recently updated from a 50% to a 10% matching program; eligible airports have \$100,000 annually to use toward smaller maintenance projects and to address safety deficiencies
- ✓ **State Legislative Riders**
88th Legislature included \$58M in additional appropriations for airport-specific projects including:
 - \$8M to Woods County for runway expansion
 - \$10M to Sugar Land for runway improvement projects
 - \$10M to Edinburg for runway extension