



General Aviation Funding

Ennis Municipal Airport is recognized in the FAA National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) and is included in the Texas Aeronautical Facility Plan, which qualifies it for federal and state airport funding. In Texas, federal airport entitlement and discretionary grants for GA airports are administered through TxDOT's Aviation Division, as part of the FAA's State Block Grant Program.

The source of Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding is the Airport and Airways Trust Fund. These funds are collected through aviation user-generated taxes (airline passenger tax, aircraft parts and fuel) and appropriated by Congress for eligible airport planning, construction and improvement projects. The funds available through the AIP do not originate from general tax dollars.

TxDOT also administers state programs for funding airport planning, construction, and maintenance projects. The funding is derived from the unassigned portion of the motor vehicle, title and registration fees as part of the State Highway Fund. The fiscal year airport funding level is appropriated by the state's general appropriations bill, as part of TxDOT's budget. The TxDOT program is funded at 90 percent state and 10 percent local, with the exception of terminal building projects which are provided at a 50-50 split up to a maximum of \$600,000.

TxDOT provides airport maintenance assistance through grants under the Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP). This program matches local funds on a 50 percent basis for lower-cost airfield and terminal area improvement projects. Airfield items such as runway crack seal, patching, herbicide, etc. carry a higher priority than terminal area items such as entrance road paving, fencing and lighting. The City's goal is to sustain a positive cash flow to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency for operation and maintenance of the airport.

Airport sponsors derive funds from various types of local taxes, such as property, sales and special-use taxes.