



NCDOT Reference on Collection of FAA AIG funds

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorized the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to provide tiered Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) for public airports for each of five years. As a FAA block grant administrator, NCDOT applies to FAA for AIG funds on behalf of North Carolina general aviation airports and manages distribution, tracking and reporting.

NCDOT recommends that airports plan and apply for their AIG funds within three years of their availability to prevent the possibility of expiration (*see table below*). Once collected, AIG funds must be spent within four years.

Federal fiscal year (October-September) funds are made available	Date funds must be obligated (under grant)
FFY 2022	September 30, 2025
FFY 2023	September 30, 2026
FFY 2024	September 30, 2027
FFY 2025	September 30, 2028
FFY 2026	September 30, 2029

Here are general guidelines for collecting and expending AIG funds.

As of January 1, 2024, FAA has announced three years of AIG funds for each general aviation airports that is not deemed “unclassified.”

- **Airports may request AIG funds** from NCDOT Aviation any time after FAA announces they are available. AIG funds expire and must obligated within four years.
- **AIG grants may not be extended or swapped**, as other FAA funds allow. Unused funds are automatically rolled into the FAA discretionary funds if they are not obligated by the deadline.
- **AIG projects must meet Airport Improvement Program eligibility and/or Passenger Facility Charge eligibility** (*Contact your engineer of record for eligibility determinations*).

To collect AIG funds, airports must contact their airport project manager (APM) and include one or more of the following documents with the requested funding amount:

- **For Professional Services:** Reviewed/approved and executed Work Authorization with completed Independent Fee Estimate.
- **For Construction:** Final construction estimate that is being advertised (only bid amount will be awarded by FAA).
- **For Land Acquisition:** Final draft closing document.

The FAA Airports District Office (ADO) reviews AIG applications and may require APMs to request other pertinent information (budgets, exhibits, etc.). FAA can decline applications if airports do not have clear approaches or documented plans to address obstructions.

Because FAA’s ADO does not allow NCDOT to submit applications monthly, NCDOT groups funding requests as they are approved and submits them as FAA allows. In the past, FAA has not accepted applications between July and October.

Airports are encouraged to request funds as soon as they are available and not wait until the last minute. FAA’s process of review by the ADO and submission to FAA headquarters for review and funding announcement can take months.

FAA requires NCDOT to report on airports’ plans to use AIG funds in the annual Airports Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP). NCDOT will send airports a form to report their plans each year. *NOTE: This is not a request for applications.*

Learn more on the FAA’s BIL FAQ webpage, www.faa.gov/bil