

FAA ANNOUNCES COVID RELIEF GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR AIRPORTS AND CONCESSIONS RELIEF

NEXT COVID RELIEF PACKAGE MOVING IN CONGRESS INCLUDES \$8B FOR AIRPORTS AND \$800M FOR CONCESSIONS

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Dear ARRA Members,

Today the FAA released the grant allocations by airport under the new Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP), created by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)- Public Law-116-260 that was enacted on December 27, 2020.

The new program provides \$2 billion in grants to airports with \$200 million dedicated for concessions MAG and rent relief.

From the chart attached to this email you can see how much each airport will receive under the \$2 billion program (\$1.75B for primary airports), and how much of the total \$200 million each primary airport will receive that they must apply to relief for concessionaires, based on the formula of each concessionaire's proportional share of MAG and rent paid to the airport in 2019. You can also find the allocations and additional information about the new program on the FAA website: [faa.gov/airports/crrsaa](https://www.faa.gov/airports/crrsaa).

There is also a video powerpoint presentation describing the CRRSAA program and how FAA will administer it. FAA will soon issue additional guidance for airports on administering concessions relief under this program. ARRA will provide it for you when it becomes available. We sent the FAA's FAQ on CRRSAA to you, and it is also on their website.

Congress Moving to Pass Additional Airport and Concessions Relief

While the above CRRSAA relief was clearly not close to the funding airports and concessions jointly requested, it was considered a 'down payment.'

Congress is moving ahead on another COVID-19 relief package as part of the budget reconciliation process to include additional funding for concessions relief as part of the airport grant funding package.

The first pieces of text from the next COVID-19 relief package have been released following actions by various committees this week.

Our efforts are paying off. This week the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee responded to our relief request and approved in the package:

- **\$8B for additional airport grants**
- **\$800M for airport concessionaire relief.**

The package also includes:

- Providing \$15B to extend the Payroll Support Program for airline employees through September 30, 2021
- Raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025
- Issuing direct stimulus checks of up to \$1,400
- Allocating \$1.5B to support small businesses owned by members of disadvantaged communities
- Making the Child Tax Credit fully refundable for 2021, and raising the value of the credit to \$3,600 for each child under 6 years of age, and \$3,000 for all others up to the age of 17
- Increasing the size of and reducing the minimum age to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit
- \$25B to provide rental and utility assistance, and \$10B to support homeowners with mortgage assistance

Next Actions:

- The House will consider and vote on the bill next week.
- The Senate will consider, amend, and vote on the House-passed bill. There is a 20-hour period provided for additional amendments to be offered.
- The House will consider and vote on the Senate-amended bill.

Democrats have set a deadline of March 14 to pass the bill into law, to avoid an interruption in benefits that were extended by the December 2020 package.

These promising measures introduced so far are not all guaranteed and may be subject to change or elimination during the Senate's review of the package.

Now is a critical time to **CONTACT YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES AGAIN TO URGE THEM TO SUPPORT CONCESSIONAIRES AND RETAIN the \$800M in funding for concessionaires and \$8B for airports.**

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please let us know

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