AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SUMMARY





HOUSTON AIRPORT SYSTEM

On March 11, 2021, the
President signed the
American Rescue Plan Act of
2021 (ARPA)

which contains approximately \$8 billion in economic relief to airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including relief from rent and minimum annual guarantees (MAG) for eligible airport concessions at primary airports. These monies are detailed in Section 7102 of ARPA.

The funds are coming directly from the U.S. Treasury's General Fund to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. FAA's Office of Airports administers these grant funds to airport sponsors, locally the Houston Airport System (HAS).

ARPA divides the \$8 billion funding for Airport Rescue Grants into four groups by formula that result in specific allocations to each eligible airport. The amounts allocated for these four groups are not discretionary; they are set by formula in ARPA.

100% Federal Share for Airport

Development Grants. Not more than \$608 million is available to pay a Federal share of 100% for any grant awarded in FY 2021, or in FY 2020 with less than a 100% Federal share, for an airport development project, as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47102. Airport Development Grants that the

Houston Airport System received in FY

2020 & FY 2021 were already 100% federally funded, meaning there was no local portion for HAS to pay. Therefore, HAS did not receive funding under this revenue stream.

General Grants for Primary Airports.

Primary Commercial Service Airports and Certain Cargo Airports share not more than \$6.492 billion based first on the statutory Airport Improvement Program (AIP) primary and cargo entitlement formulas. However, the \$26-million limit under 49 U.S.C. 47114(c)(1)(C)(iii) and reduction for imposing passenger facility charges under 49 U.S.C. 47114(f) do not apply to these allocations. After allocating based on the statutory entitlement formulas, the remainder is then allocated based on the number of enplanements the airport had in calendar year (CY) 2019 as a percentage of total 2019 enplanements for all primary airports. Sponsors may use these funds for costs related to operations. personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments.

Category	George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)	Hobby Airport (HOU)
Primary Entitlements	\$24,935,309	\$10,099,614
Cargo Entitlements	\$3,019,815	NA
Enplanement Allocation	\$107,963,953	\$34,843,766
Total	\$135,919,077	\$44,943,380



General Grants for Nonprimary Airports.

Nonprimary Commercial Service and General Aviation Airports share not more than \$100 million, allocated based on the categories (National, Regional, Local, and Basic) published in the most current NPIAS, reflecting the percentage of the aggregate published eligible development costs for each such category, and then dividing the allocated funds evenly among the eligible airports in each category. rounded up to the nearest thousand. Any amount remaining under this paragraph will be allocated as described in Group (2) above. Sponsors may use these funds for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments.

Ellington (EFD)
Non-Primary Allocation

\$148,000

concessions Rent Relief Grants. Primary commercial service airports share not more than \$800 million allocated based on the number of enplanements the airport had in CY 2019 as a percentage of total CY 2019 enplanements for all primary airports. Sponsors receive 2 allocations, a proportional share of \$640 million and a proportional share of \$160 million, to provide relief to small airport concessions and large airport concessions, respectively.

Category	George Bush Intercontinental (IAH)	Hobby Airport (HOU)
Small Business Concession	\$15,012,949	\$4,845,207
Large Business Concession	\$3,753,237	\$1,211,302
Total Concession	\$18,766,186	\$6,056,509

Both general and concessions rent relief grants under Airport Rescue Grants are available at a 100% Federal share.