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Airport Improvement Program (Transportation -- Local Transportation Assistance)

CURRENT LAW

The Department of Transportation (DOT) federal aeronautics assistance appropriation allocates all moneys received from the federal government for the state airport improvement program, which funds various types of airport projects at commercial and general aviation airports in the state. Federal funding can be provided for projects at the 87 airports in the state that are identified in the Federal Aviation Administration's national airport system plan, including Wisconsin's eight general aviation airports. Eligible projects under the program include the construction or rehabilitation of runways, taxiways, and aprons, the purchase and installation of airfield lighting, navigational aids, and weather monitoring equipment, the construction of terminal buildings, and the installation of fencing and other security improvements. Projects are selected, designed, and managed by the state by the DOT Bureau of Aeronautics.

MODIFICATION

Provide \$39.0 million FED annually to the DOT aeronautics assistance appropriation in the 2023-25 biennium.

Explanation: Beginning in 2021-22, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act created a new airport infrastructure grants program, which provided the state with airport funding of \$39.8 million FED in 2021-22, and \$39.0 million FED in 2022-23. The state is expected to continue receiving similar amounts of formula funds from this program in each year of the 2023-25 biennium.

Change to Base	
FED	\$78,000,000

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