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Memorandum

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Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide the fiscal year (FY) 2026 determination under Title 49 U.S.C. § 47109(f) Special Rule for Economically Distressed Communities (herein referred to as the “Special Rule”), which provides an exception to the 90 percent federal share for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants at smaller airports (i.e. other than large and medium hub) that are receiving Essential Air Service (EAS) and are located in Economically Distressed Areas (EDA).

FAA Airports Regional Offices and Airports District Offices are encouraged to distribute this memo to the airport and consultant community. The listing of the FY 2026 EAS/EDA determinations will be available on the FAA Office of Airports website at:
https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/eas_eda/.

Determinations

The FAA makes an annual determination on which airports qualify for a 95 percent federal share for AIP grants under the Special Rule. For an airport to be considered for the Special Rule, the community where the airport is located must be included in the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) EAS listing and meet certain economic criteria determined from available federal data.

The DOT administers the EAS program and publishes the list of subsidized EAS communities. For more information about the EAS program, visit the DOT website:
<https://www.transportation.gov/policy/aviation-policy/small-community-rural-air-service/essential-air-service>

Based on the Special Rule, the FAA makes EDA determinations for each community using unemployment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and per capita income data from the

Bureau of Economic Analysis. The Special Rule applies when an area meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. The area has a per capita income of 80% or less of the national average.
2. The area has an unemployment rate, for the most recent 24-month period for which data is available, at least 1% percent greater than the national average.
3. The area has a special need arising from actual or threatened severe unemployment or economic adjustment problems resulting from severe short-term or long-term changes in economic conditions (as determined by the Secretary of Commerce).

Once the FAA determines an airport qualifies for the increased federal share, the airport maintains the status for the entire fiscal year, regardless of any changes in EAS status or EDA data.

Qualifying Airports

In FY 2025, 104 airports qualified under the Special Rule. The FY 2026 determination of airports meeting the Special Rule identified 106 qualifying airports, including 5 new EAS/EDA locations (see Table 1). All EAS/EDA airports will be eligible to receive a 95 percent federal share for AIP grants issued in FY 2026.

Table 2 identifies 3 airports that were eligible in FY 2025, but do not qualify in FY 2026.

Table 1: EAS Locations determined as EDAs - Of the NPIAS airports designated by DOT as EAS communities, 106 are EDA locations.

** Indicates a new EDA location in FY 2026*

ST	Loc ID	EAS Community	Airport Name	NPIAS
AK	15Z	McCarthy	McCarthy	02-0334
AK	51Z	Minto	Minto Al Wright	02-0336
AK	7KA	Tatitlek	Tatitlek	02-0342
AK	9Z8	Levelock	Levelock	02-0167
AK	A63	Twin Hills	Twin Hills	02-0356
AK	A79	Chignik Lake	Chignik Lake	02-0331
AK	AGN	Angoon	Angoon	02-0018
AK	AHP	Port Alexander	Port Alexander	02-0228
AK	AJC	Chignik	Chignik	02-0330
AK	CDV	Cordova	Merle K (Mudhole) Smith	02-0067
AK	CEM	Central	Central	02-0045
AK	CLP	Clark's Point	Clark's Point	02-0438
AK	CRC	Circle	Circle City	02-0407
AK	CZN	Chisana	Chisana	02-0057
AK	DM2	Diomedes	Diomedes	02-0381
AK	EII	Egegik	Egegik	02-0422

ST	Loc ID	EAS Community	Airport Name	NPIAS
AK	ELV	Elfin Cove	Elfin Cove	02-0089
AK	EXI	Excursion Inlet	Excursion Inlet	02-0095
AK	GST	Gustavus	Gustavus	02-0111
AK	HYG	Hydaburg	Hydaburg	02-0129
AK	IGG	Igiugig	Igiugig	02-0131
AK	JZZ	Koliganek	Koliganek	02-0424
AK	KAE	Kake	Kake	02-0458
AK	KEK	Ekwok	Ekwok	02-0088
AK	KFP	False Pass*	False Pass	02-0097
AK	KNW	New Stuyahok	New Stuyahok	02-0193
AK	KVC	King Cove*	King Cove	02-0147
AK	MBA	Manokotak	Manokotak	02-0171
AK	MCG	McGrath	McGrath	02-0176
AK	MHM	Lake Minchumina	Minchumina	02-0180
AK	MLY	Manley Hot Springs	Manley Hot Springs	02-0170
AK	MTM	Metlakatla	Metlakatla	02-0369
AK	MYK	May Creek	May Creek	02-0173
AK	PEC	Pelican	Pelican	02-0216
AK	PEV	Perryville	Perryville	02-0218
AK	PNP	Pilot Point	Pilot Point	02-0222
AK	PSG	Petersburg	Petersburg James A Johnson	02-0219
AK	PTH	Port Heiden	Port Heiden	02-0234
AK	TKE	Tenakee	Tenakee	02-0295
AK	WRG	Wrangell	Wrangell	02-0323
AK	WSN	South Naknek	South Naknek Nr 2	02-0186
AK	YAK	Yakutat	Yakutat	02-0327
AL	MSL	Muscle Shoals	Northwest Alabama Regional	01-0054
AR	ELD	El Dorado	South Arkansas Regional at Goodwin Field	05-0018
AR	HOT	Hot Springs	Memorial Field	05-0031
AR	HRO	Harrison	Boone County	05-0026
AR	JBR	Jonesboro	Jonesboro Municipal	05-0033
AZ	SOW	Show Low	Show Low Regional	04-0035
CA	CEC	Crescent City	Jack McNamara Field	06-0057
CA	IPL	El Centro	Imperial County	06-0109
CA	MCE	Merced	Merced Yosemite Regional	06-0152

ST	Loc ID	EAS Community	Airport Name	NPIAS
CO	ALS	Alamosa	San Luis Valley Regional/Bergman Field	08-0002
CO	CEZ	Cortez	Cortez Municipal	08-0011
CO	PUB	Pueblo	Pueblo Memorial	08-0046
GA	MCN	Macon	Middle Georgia Regional	13-0079
HI	MUE	Kamuela	Waimea-Kohala	15-0010
IA	ALO	Waterloo*	Waterloo Regional	19-0094
IA	FOD	Fort Dodge	Fort Dodge Regional	19-0035
IA	SUX	Sioux City	Sioux Gateway/Brig General Bud Day Field	19-0085
IL	DEC	Decatur	Decatur	17-0033
IL	MWA	Marion	Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois	17-0065
IL	UIN	Quincy	Quincy Regional-Baldwin Field	17-0085
KS	DDC	Dodge City	Dodge City Regional	20-0017
KS	GCK	Garden City	Garden City Regional	20-0024
KY	OWB	Owensboro	Owensboro/Daviess County Regional	21-0042
ME	PQI	Presque Isle	Presque Isle International	23-0039
MI	APN	Alpena	Alpena County Regional	26-0004
MI	CIU	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa County International	26-0139
MI	CMX	Hancock/Houghton	Houghton County Memorial	26-0041
MI	ESC	Escanaba	Delta County	26-0031
MI	IWD	Ironwood	Gogebic/Iron County	26-0050
MI	MBL	Manistee	Manistee County/Blacker	26-0059
MI	MKG	Muskegon	Muskegon County	26-0071
MI	PLN	Pellston	Pellston Regional/Emmet County	26-0076
MN	BJI	Bemidji	Bemidji Regional	27-0010
MN	INL	International Falls	Falls International/Einarson Field	27-0043

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MO	CGI	Cape Girardeau	Cape Girardeau Regional	29-0013
MO	IRK	Kirksville	Kirksville Regional	29-0045
MO	JLN	Joplin	Joplin Regional	29-0037
MO	TBN	Fort Leonard Wood	Waynesville-St Robert Regional Forney Field	29-0091
MS	GLH	Greenville	Greenville Mid-Delta	28-0027
MS	MEI	Meridian	Key Field	28-0050
MS	PIB	Hattiesburg/Laurel	Hattiesburg/Laurel Regional	28-0041
MS	TUP	Tupelo	Tupelo Regional	28-0070
MT	GDV	Glendive	Dawson Community	30-0035
MT	HVR	Havre*	Havre City-County	30-0041
MT	OLF	Wolf Point	L M Clayton	30-0086
NE	CDR	Chadron	Chadron Municipal	31-0017
NM	SVC	Silver City	Grant County	35-0039
NY	ART	Watertown (NY)	Watertown International	36-0120
NY	MSS	Massena	Massena International-Richards Field	36-0054
NY	OGS	Ogdensburg	Ogdensburg International	36-0089
NY	PBG	Plattsburgh	Plattsburgh International	36-0229
NY	SLK	Saranac Lake	Adirondack Regional	36-0105
OR	PDT	Pendleton	Eastern Oregon Regional at Pendleton	41-0046
PA	BFD	Bradford	Bradford Regional	42-0008
PA	DUJ	DuBois*	Dubois Regional	42-0023
PA	JST	Johnstown	John Murtha Johnstown/Cambria County	42-0045
PR	MAZ	Mayaguez	Eugenio Maria De Hostos	72-0010
UT	CDC	Cedar City	Cedar City Regional	49-0005
UT	VEL	Vernal	Vernal Regional	49-0037
WI	RHI	Rhineland	Rhineland/Oneida County	55-0070
WV	BKW	Beckley	Raleigh County Memorial	54-0001
WV	CKB	Clarksburg	North Central West Virginia	54-0005
WV	LWB	Lewisburg (Greenbrier)	Greenbrier Valley	54-0012
WY	LAR	Laramie	Laramie Regional	56-0017

Table 2: Airports qualified in FY 2025 that do not qualify in FY 2026

ST	Loc ID	EAS Community	Airport Name	NPIAS
AZ	PRC	Prescott	Prescott Regional - Ernest A Love Field	04-0030
TN	MKL	Jackson	McKellar-Sipes Regional	47-0032
VA	SHD	Staunton	Shenandoah Valley Regional	51-0049