



Federal Aviation Administration

Memorandum

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Subject: **ACTION**: FY 2019 EAS/EDA Determinations

Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 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 Regional Airports Offices and Airports District Offices are encouraged to distribute this memo to the airport and consultant community. The listing of the FY 2019 EAS/EDA determinations is also available on the FAA Office of Airports website at: <http://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/eas-eda/>.

Determinations

The FAA makes an annual determination on which airports qualify for the 95 percent federal share for AIP grants. Because federal share percentages affect how the agency plans AIP spending, the determination is based on data available at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) administers the EAS program. Annually, DOT provides an official list of eligible 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, EDAs are determined through a series of computations based on unemployment data obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and per capita income data obtained from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The Special Rule applies when an area meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. The area's per capita income is 80 percent or less of the national average or,
2. The unemployment rate is at least one percent greater than the national average or,
3. The area has unemployment or economic adjustment problems (as determined by the Secretary of Commerce)

For an airport to be considered for the Special Rule, the community where the airport is located must qualify using the EAS listing and EDA data available at the start of the fiscal year. Once the FAA determines an airport qualifies for the increased federal share, the airport will maintain that status for the entire fiscal year, regardless of any changes in EAS status or EDA data.

Qualifying Airports

The FY 2019 determination of airports meeting the Section 47109(f) criteria identified 105 qualifying airports, including six new locations, as EAS/EDA locations under the Special Rule (see Table 1). All EAS/EDA airports will be eligible to receive a 95 percent federal share for grants issued in FY 2019.

In FY 2018, 103 airports qualified under the Special Rule. Table 2 identifies four airports that were on the list of eligible airports in FY 2018, but no longer qualify for the Special Rule in FY 2019.

TABLE 1: EAS Locations in EDAs - Of the 158 NPIAS airports designated by DOT as EAS communities, the FAA has identified 105 airports as eligible EDA locations.

* Indicates new locations in FY 2019

ST	LOCID	Airport Name	NPIAS
AK	AKK	Akhiok*	02-0002
AK	AGN	Angoon	02-0018
AK	CEM	Central	02-0045
AK	AJC	Chignik	02-0330
AK	A79	Chignik Lake	02-0331
AK	CZN	Chisana	02-0057
AK	CRC	Circle	02-0407
AK	CLP	Clark's Point	02-0438
AK	CDV	Merle K (Mudhole) Smith	02-0067
AK	DM2	Diomedede	02-0381
AK	EII	Egegik	02-0422
AK	KEK	Ekwok	02-0088
AK	ELV	Elfin Cove	02-0089
AK	EXI	Excursion Inlet	02-0095
AK	FNR	Funter Bay	02-0101
AK	GKN	Gulkana	02-0110
AK	GST	Gustavus	02-0111
AK	HRR	Healy Lake	02-0414
AK	HYG	Hydaburg	02-0129
AK	IGG	Igiugig	02-0131
AK	KAE	Kake	02-0458
AK	KKB	Kitoi Bay*	02-0151
AK	JZZ	Koliganek	02-0424

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AK	MHM	Lake Minchumina	02-0180
AK	9Z8	Levelock	02-0167
AK	MLY	Manley	02-0170
AK	MBA	Manokotak	02-0171
AK	MYK	May Creek	02-0173
AK	15Z	McCarthy	02-0334
AK	51Z	Minto	02-0336
AK	KNW	New Stuyahok	02-0193
AK	PEC	Pelican	02-0216
AK	PEV	Perryville	02-0218
AK	PSG	Petersburg	02-0219
AK	PNP	Pilot Point	02-0222
AK	AHP	Port Alexander	02-0228
AK	PTH	Port Heiden	02-0234
AK	WSN	South Naknek	02-0186
AK	7KA	Tatitlek	02-0342
AK	TKE	Tenakee	02-0295
AK	A63	Twin Hills	02-0356
AK	WRG	Wrangell	02-0323
AK	YAK	Yakutat	02-0327
AL	MSL	Northwest Alabama Rgnl	01-0054
AR	HRO	Boone County	05-0026
AR	JBR	Jonesboro Municipal	05-0033

ST	LOCID	Airport Name	NPIAS
AR	HOT	Memorial Field	05-0031
AR	ELD	South Arkansas Regional at Goodwin Field*	05-0018
AZ	PRC	Ernest Love Field	04-0030
AZ	PGA	Page Municipal	04-0025
AZ	SOW	Show Low Regional	04-0035
CA	IPL	Imperial County	06-0109
CA	CEC	Jack McNamara Field	06-0057
CA	MCE	Merced Muni/MacReady	06-0152
CO	CEZ	Cortez Municipal	08-0011
CO	PUB	Pueblo Memorial	08-0046
CO	ALS	San Luis Valley Regional/ Bergman Field	08-0002
GA	MCN	Middle Georgia Regional	13-0079
HI	MUE	Waimea-Kamuela	15-0010
IL	DEC	Decatur	17-0033
KS	DDC	Dodge City Regional	20-0017
KS	GCK	Garden City Regional*	20-0024
KS	LBL	Liberal Mid-America	20-0050
KY	PAH	Barkley Regional	21-0043
KY	OWB	Owensboro-Daviess Co*	21-0042
ME	PQI	Northern Maine Regional - Presque Isle	23-0039
MI	APN	Alpena County Regional	26-0004
MI	CIU	Chippewa County Intl	26-0139
MI	ESC	Delta County	26-0031
MI	IWD	Gogebic-Iron County	26-0050
MI	CMX	Houghton Co Memorial	26-0041
MI	MBL	Manistee Co-Blacker	26-0059
MI	MKG	Muskegon County	26-0071
MI	PLN	Pellston Regional Airport of Emmet County	26-0076
MN	BJI	Bemidji Regional	27-0010
MN	INL	Falls International- Einarson Field	27-0043

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MO	CGI	Cape Girardeau Regional	29-0013
MO	JLN	Joplin Regional	29-0037
MO	IRK	Kirksville Regional	29-0045
MO	TBN	Waynesville-St Robert Regional Forney Field	29-0091
MS	GLH	Greenville Mid-Delta	28-0027
MS	PIB	Hattiesburg-Laurel Rgnl	28-0041
MS	MEI	Key Field	28-0050
MS	TUP	Tupelo Regional	28-0070
MT	OLF	L M Clayton	30-0086
NE	GRI	Central Nebraska Rgnl*	31-0034
NE	CDR	Chadron Municipal	31-0017
NM	SVC	Grant County	35-0039
NY	SLK	Adirondack Regional	36-0105
NY	MSS	Massena Intl-Richards Fld	36-0054
NY	OGS	Ogdensburg Internatl	36-0089
NY	ART	Watertown International	36-0120
OR	PDT	Eastern Oregon Regional at Pendleton	41-0046
PA	BFD	Bradford Regional	42-0008
PA	DUJ	DuBois Regional	42-0023
PA	JST	John Murtha Johnstown- Cambria County	42-0045
PA	FKL	Venango Regional	42-0032
PR	MAZ	Eugenio Maria de Hostos	72-0010
UT	CDC	Cedar City Regional	49-0005
UT	CNY	Canyonlands Field	49-0020
UT	VEL	Vernal Regional	49-0037
WV	LWB	Greenbrier Valley	54-0012
WV	PKB	Mid-Ohio Valley Regional	54-0012
WV	BKW	Raleigh County Memorial	54-0001
WY	LAR	Laramie Regional	56-0017

TABLE 2: Airports Qualified in FY 2018 that do not Qualify in FY 2019

ST	LOCID	Airport Name	NPIAS
IL	MWA	Williamson Co Regional	17-0065
MN	BRD	Brainerd Lakes Regional	27-0014
MN	TVF	Thief River Falls Regional	27-0100
NM	CNM	Cavern City Air Terminal	35-0007