2021 Military Airport Program Selection

Mobile Downtown Airport (BFM), Mobile, AL; Kelly Field at Port San Antonio (SKF), San Antonio, TX; and Salina Regional Airport (SLN), Salina, KS, were selected for the Military Airport Program (MAP). All terms will begin in FY 2022.

The MAP provides federal funds to assist civil airport sponsors of current joint-use military airfields, or former military airports that are included in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

MAP funding is a set-aside of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) that helps increase civilian aviation capacity by financing projects such as: building or rehabilitating parking lots, fuel farms, hangars, utility systems, access roads, terminal and air cargo buildings, and other airfield projects at former military airports.

Mobile Downtown is a primary nonhub airport designated as a first time participant for a five-year term. During this time, the FAA may be able to assist with MAP funds to construct utilities, improve airport drainage, construct a revenue-producing parking lot, and reconstruct an apron.

Kelly Field at Port San Antonio is a general aviation airport designated for a five-year term, as a first time program participant. During this term, the FAA may be able to assist with MAP funds for developing consolidated facilities including buildings, automobile parking, taxiway connectors, and an apron.

Salina Regional is a primary nonhub airport designated for a four-year term, as a first time participant, in the program. During this term, the FAA may be able to assist with MAP funds for projects to rehabilitate a fuel farm and parking lot.

Background

A total of 15 airports may participate in the MAP at any one time, including three general aviation airports. Airports may receive federal financial assistance for up to five years.
Since 1990, the FAA has provided airport sponsors approximately $754 million for a variety of projects to assist airports with conversion needs. Some MAP-funded projects are not normally eligible or competitive for assistance through the AIP. However, MAP-designated airports have unique eligibility rules to help convert former military airports to civilian or joint-use airports.

There are now seven airports participating in the MAP. In addition to the three new airports joining the program, four FY 2021 designees will continue in the FY 2022 program:

- Tipton Airport (FME), Odenton, MD
- Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport (GRK), Killeen, TX
- Roswell International Air Center (ROW), Roswell, NM
- Sawyer International Airport (SAW), Gwinn, MI