

History of the State Block Grant Program

Date	Major Milestones
December 30, 1987	The Airport and Airway Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1987 was passed. Section 116 of this Act amended the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, by adding new section 534 entitled State Block Grant Pilot Program.
October 20, 1988	14 CFR part 156, State Block Grant Pilot Program, was published in 53 Federal Register 41303 (October 20, 1988).
October 1, 1989	This State Block Grant Pilot Program became effective and allowed three states to apply for the program.
October 31, 1992	The Airport and Airway Safety, Capacity, Noise Improvement, and Intermodal Transportation Act of 1992 extended the State Block Grant Program until 1996. This Act also authorized the issuance of block grants for fiscal years 1993 through 1996 in four additional states (for a total of seven).
October 9, 1996	The Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act of 1996 authorized one new state block grant participant (for a total of eight) and made the State Block Grant Program a permanent feature of AIP.
April 4, 2000	The Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR-21) authorized one new state block grant participant in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (for a total of nine) and an additional state block grant participant after fiscal year 2001 (for a total of ten).
February 14, 2012	The FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 directed the FAA to issue guidance, instead of regulations, to manage the program. It also expanded the selection criteria related to environmental requirements and directed other federal agencies to coordinate environmental approvals with state participants.
May 16, 2024	The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 expanded the maximum number of participating states from ten to 20. This law also required the FAA to provide training or training materials to participating states and provided states with the flexibility to opt out of certain responsibilities.

State Grant Block Participants

State	Fiscal Year Selected	Fiscal Year Exited the Program
Illinois	1989	N/A
Missouri	1989	N/A
North Carolina	1989	N/A
Michigan	1993	N/A
New Jersey	1993	2003
Texas	1993	N/A
Wisconsin	1993	N/A
Tennessee	1997	N/A
Pennsylvania	1997	N/A
New Hampshire	2008	N/A
Georgia	2008	N/A