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**Subject:** RE: CARES Act Airport Improvement Plan Funds for Asheville Regional Airport
**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 3:31:38 PM

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Brett- Yes, please pass on the city's appreciation to Representative McHenry for his support of grants for our region. We are thankful for his efforts on our behalf.

Thank you,
Esther

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**Subject:** Re: CARES Act Airport Improvement Plan Funds for Asheville Regional Airport

Brett, thank you for the email. Please pass on our thanks to the Congressman, we appreciate the investment in our community and the region. Take care and let me know if there's anything we can do to assist you.

Thanks,
Avril

On Apr 15, 2020, at 1:25 PM, Keeter, Brett <Brett.Keeter@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Ms. Pender & Ms. Campbell,

Please see the info below and the attached report. The Asheville Regional Airport has been awarded $14,409,270 in Airport Improvement Plan funds under the CARES Act. The recipient match has been eliminated and the federal share has been increased to 100% temporarily under CARES.

Please let us know if there are any questions or how we may be of assistance,

Brett

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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R. 748, Public Law 116-136) (PDF), signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020, includes $10 billion in funds to be awarded as economic relief to eligible U.S. airports affected by the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CARES Act provides funds to increase the federal share to 100 percent for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and supplemental discretionary grants already planned for fiscal year 2020. Under normal circumstances, AIP grant recipients contribute a matching percentage of the project costs. Providing this additional funding and eliminating the local share will allow critical safety and capacity projects to continue as planned regardless of airport sponsors' current financial circumstances.

Additionally, the CARES Act provides new funds distributed by various formulas for all airports that are part of the national airport system. This includes all commercial service airports, all reliever airports and some public-owned general aviation airports. Under this new CARES Airport Program:

- Primary commercial service airports, with more than 10,000 annual passenger boardings, will receive additional funds based on the number of annual boardings, in a similar way to how they currently receive AIP entitlement funds.
- All commercial service airports will receive funds based on the number of passengers that board aircraft there, the amount of debt an airport has, and the amount of money the airport has in reserve.
- General aviation airports will receive funds based on their airport categories, such as National, Regional, Local, Basic and Unclassified.

The FAA plans to make these funds available in April, and airport sponsors should work with their local Office of Airports field office. The FAA will provide additional guidance on the CARES Airport Program next week.

<CARES Act Grant Amounts (Paragraphs 2-4).pdf>

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