

\$5.5 Million in Stimulus Funding for Maine Airports Announced

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“This funding will create jobs and help these airports with needed upgrades,” said Michaud. “These are tough economic times and these grants supply needed investment in our state’s infrastructure. Economic development and business attraction depend on sound infrastructure. The improvements at these airports will ensure increased safety for customers and airport staff and help promote new business.”

Funding that will be going to Maine:

Location

Total Amount

Project
Summary

Dexter Regional

\$3,800,000.00

Rehabilitate
Runway

Hancock County-Bar
Harbor

\$1,200,000.00

Construct
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Building

Augusta State

\$500,000.00

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Total

\$5,500,000.00

About 3,400 airports designated as part of the national airport system are eligible to receive ARRA funds. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is moving swiftly to work with airport sponsors to ensure eligible projects have completed or nearly completed design and planning requirements.

Under ARRA, the FAA received \$1.1 billion to allocate to qualified airports on a discretionary basis. That funding will be distributed based on a project priority system that addresses airport safety and security, infrastructure, runway safety, increased capacity, and mitigation of environmental impacts.

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