

TO: AIRPORT COMMISSION

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Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Appropriations

Current resolution for Federal funding ends on March 14, 2025. On January 1, 2025, the federal government reached the debt limit, the maximum amount it is allowed to borrow. The Treasury Department is using extraordinary measures to currently prevent default, which provides several months of reprieve.

Airport Related Cabinet Appointments

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Governor Kristi Noem (South Dakota)
- Environmental Protection Agency – The Honorable Lee Zeldin
- Department of Transportation – The Honorable Sean Duffy
 - Secretary Duffy issued a [principles and standards memo](#) to direct policy, programs, and activities.

Grants

- Obligated or entitlement grants are not frozen.
 - For the Airport, this would include entitlement Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants, entitlement Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grants, and any grants for which the Airport has a contract with the U.S. Government.
- Discretionary grants are currently on pause.
 - For the Airport, this would include Airport Terminal Program, discretionary AIP, and all other discretionary grants.

Other Noteworthy Changes

- Executive Order stipulates that “for each new regulation issued, at least 10 prior regulations be identified for elimination,” and that “total incremental cost of all new regulations, including repealed regulations ... shall be significantly less than zero.”

- Executive Order issued a hiring freeze for all federal workers, which does not apply to immigration enforcement, national security, or public safety.
- [Notice to federal workers](#) seeking voluntary resignations.
 - Unclear on the legality of the notice. Unclear who exactly received this. Seems that TSA line employees did not receive this, but most of the FAA did. Airport is concerned about staffing in key functional areas such as the Air Traffic Controllers and administrative functions in TSA and FAA.

Key Dates

- January 1, 2025 – Debt Limit Reset
 - Requires vote by before Federal Government runs out of money to pay its obligations
- March 14, 2025 – Federal Funding Expires
- September 30, 2025 – End of Federal Fiscal Year
- December 31, 2025 – Tax Cuts Expire
- September 30, 2026 – Federal Highway Programs Expire
- September 30, 2028 – Current FAA Programs/Taxes Expire