

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 579  
HOUSE BILL 518

AN ACT APPROPRIATING ONE MILLION DOLLARS, ON A MATCHING BASIS, TO  
COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES MAINTAINING CARRIER AIRPORTS.

Whereas, owners of air carrier airports make a major contribution to the economic development of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the financial burden of maintaining and operating such facilities continues to place a major financial burden on the counties and municipalities that own and operate carrier airports which serve air carriers and general aviation needs; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the State the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for fiscal year 1973-74 to the Department of Transportation. Said sum shall be expended, on a matching basis, by grant to counties and municipalities in the State which operate, maintain or support carrier airports, as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration. Such sums as are granted by the Department of Transportation to carrier airports may be used for the purchase and condemnation of land and easements, paving of runways and taxiways, to provide runway lights and approach facilities (visual and electronic), to provide necessary security needs, to purchase firefighting equipment, for construction of passenger terminal buildings and for such other purposes as are directly related to the maintenance and operation of said airports.

Before any sums appropriated by this act are granted to any carrier airport, an application shall be made by such carrier airport to the Department of Transportation on a form prepared by said Department and such application shall be considered and approved in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Department of Transportation, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 2.** The total amount of such grants to any one carrier airport shall not exceed \$100,000.

**Sec. 3.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1973.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of May, 1973.