

Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant

More than 6,000 Texas National Guard reservists train each year at the Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base (JRB). The reservists, as part of their duty, need to run to maintain fitness. They run on local roads and streets and must contend with truck and automobile traffic. A controlled running track is needed for this activity.

A Defense Economic Assistance Adjustment Grant (DEAAG) would provide a pathway for building such a running track. The DEAAG grant, administered by the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, a job creation program, has been expanded to assist defense communities that have been positively affected with new or expanded military missions, such as Ellington Field JRB.

Ellington Field JRB has five of the six military branches of the U.S. Department of Defense – Army, Navy and Marine Reserve units, Army and Air National Guard – in addition to the Coast Guard under the Department of Homeland Security, and NASA operations – all located on one base.

Recommendation:

- Support for Defense Economic Assistance Adjustment Grant (DEAAG), specifically \$1.5 million for a running track at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base.

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