

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao: Announces \$50.5 million infrastructure grants to Wisconsin airports

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao today announced that the [Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA) will award \$986 million in airport infrastructure grants, the fifth allotment of the total \$3.18 billion in [Airport Improvement Program](#) (AIP) funding for airports across the United States.

“This significant investment in airport improvements in Wisconsin will fund construction and rehabilitation projects that will help maintain high levels of safety in U.S. aviation,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

The following airports will receive grants:

- Appleton International, \$4,728,600 – to expand a runway.
- Chippewa Valley Regional, \$1,345,682 – to rehabilitate a runway and taxiway.
- LaCrosse Regional, \$3,426,668 – to rehabilitate a service road, expand an apron, reconstruct a taxiway, and modify an access road.
- Dane County Regional-Truax Field, \$3,956,372 – to rehabilitate a service road, and modify an access road.
- Wisconsin State Block Grant Program, 15,555,969 – to fund development projects in the state block grant program.
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- Wisconsin State Block Grant Program, \$7,521,894 – to expand an apron.
- General Mitchell International, \$2,276,463 – to rehabilitate a taxiway.
- Central Wisconsin, \$2,337,537 – to improve a terminal building.
- Central Wisconsin, \$923,957 – to rebuild a runway.
- Rhinelander-Oneida County, \$4,635,000, to rehabilitate a runway, apron, taxiway, terminal building, plus buy aircraft deicing equipment and other miscellaneous equipment. This grant will also fund modifications to the terminal building and an apron reconstruction.

The FAA will award grants to 354 airports in 44 states and two territories Micronesia and Puerto Rico. Selected projects include runway reconstruction and rehabilitation, construction of firefighting facilities, and the maintenance of taxiways, aprons, and terminals. The construction and equipment supported by these grants will enhance safety and capacity while promoting economic growth in the regions served by each airport.

Airport infrastructure in the United States, with 3,332 airports and 5,000 paved runways, supports our economic competitiveness and improves quality of life. According to the FAA's most recent economic analysis, U.S. civil aviation accounts for \$1.6 trillion in total economic activity and supports nearly 11 million jobs. Under Secretary Chao's leadership, the Department is delivering AIP investments for the American people, who depend on reliable infrastructure.

Airports can receive a certain amount of AIP entitlement funding each year based on activity levels and project needs. If their capital project needs exceed their available entitlement funds, the FAA can supplement their entitlements with discretionary funding.

See a [complete listing of grants](#) on our website.