

# Aviation Trust Fund



The Results of Senate Bill 526

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## Support Nevada Aviation



Support Small Communities  
Support Mining  
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Support Firefighters  
Support Medical Flights

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## Aviation Trust Fund

### **Background**

While Nevada is the seventh state in size, it ranks 43rd in population. These widely scattered population centers reinforce the importance of aviation as a means of spanning the vast distances between communities in a timely and cost effective manner.

Although aviation plays an important role in the state for transportation, medical emergency flights, cargo operation and economic development, Nevada was the only state with no state level funding assistance program for aviation related projects.

To correct this situation, the 71st session of the Nevada State Legislature unanimously passed Senate Bill 26, which created the Nevada Aviation Trust Fund. Governor Kenny Guinn signed SB 26 into law effective October 1, 2001. The bill amended Chapter 494 of NRS creating a state Aviation Trust Fund to be used for “obtaining matching money for enlargement, improvement or maintenance of any airport, landing area or air navigation facility...” in Nevada. This was a vital first step in providing our state a necessary means of improving service to outlying communities.

However, SB 26 created a trust fund, but did not provide a means of actually funding the program. Then, in 2005 the Nevada State Legislature passed SB 526 which provided \$500,000 for the trust fund. The Nevada Aviation Technical Advisory Committee (NATAC) and the Nevada Airport Managers Association (NAMA) assisted in the criteria and selection process.

To date, the entire \$500,000 available from the fund was awarded to airports. NDOT did not use any of the available funding for administration of the program. Seventy percent of the eligible airports applied and received disbursements from the fund. To make the fund available to as many airports as possible, disbursements were capped for any one airport at \$50,000. The fund allowed airports to make the required five percent match. In other cases, it allowed the project to proceed as the match was assured.



## **Funding Opportunities and Issues**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provides 95% of the total project costs for authorized airport improvement projects. In rural Nevada, where airports play a crucial role for air cargo delivery, emergency medical flights and a role in their economic development, most communities are unable to take advantage of this funding. Their scarce resources are allocated to public safety, schools, roads, parks, libraries, etc. There is simply not enough county/city general fund money available to match FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants.

For example, there are 23 airports eligible to receive at least \$150,000 per year, yet less than half of these airports are able to come up with the matching funds to take advantage of the federal “gift” offered to them.

Therefore, communities with airports that have the most to gain from airport improvement projects are unable to bear the expense of the project even though the FAA will provide the majority of the costs.



95%



5%

## From Senate Bill 526:

### **Sec. 24**

The Legislature hereby authorizes the Department of Transportation to conduct a study to identify sustaining funding sources for the Fund for Aviation, created by NRS 494.048, and report to the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature with their recommendations. The study should also include a summary of the needs of rural airports, including, but not limited to, conditions of runways, lights for night operations, runway markings, available restrooms and telephones. The study committee should consist of airport and aviation professionals, Department of Transportation staff and Department of Taxation staff.



### **Sec. 25**

1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Fund for Aviation, created by NRS 494.048, the sum of \$500,000 for enlargement, improvement or maintenance of rural airports, landing areas or air navigation facilities in Nevada.
2. The money appropriated by subsection 1 must be used by rural airports to match money that is available from the Federal Aviation Administration.
3. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2007, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2007.





## 2005 Aviation Trust Fund Results

### **State Totals**

Airports Participating: 18

Project Costs: \$20,822,094.01

FAA Grants: \$19,693,860.58

Sponsors Match: \$1,954,654.85

Aviation Trust Fund: \$500,000.00



**Austin/ Lander County**

Rehabilitate runway 18-36 and taxiway A

Total Cost: \$79,907.68  
Sponsor's Cost: \$3,995.68  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$3,995.68



**Beatty / Nye County**

Rehabilitate runway 16-34, install apron lighting, and install airport perimeter fence

Total Cost: \$551,350.00  
Sponsor's Cost: \$28,040.00  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$27,638.00



**Battle Mountain / Lander County**

Construct taxiway turnaround loop for runway 30, rehabilitate runway 3-21

Total Cost: \$955,896.34  
Sponsor's Cost: \$47,795.34  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$47,795.34



**Carson City**

Conduct EA and benefit cost analysis.  
Acquire land for approach to runway 9 & 27

Total Cost: \$5,656,842.10  
Sponsor's Cost: \$331,813.99  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$50,000.00

**Ely/ White Pine**

Design only: Rehabilitate existing aircraft parking apron

Total Cost: \$55,000.00  
Sponsor's Cost: \$2,750.00  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$2,750.00



**Gabbs / Nye County**

Rehabilitate runway safety areas, runway 8-26 & 16-34

Total Cost: \$806,577.90  
Sponsor's Cost: \$40,328.89  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$35,532.00



**Hawthorne / Mineral County**

Construct new parallel taxiway A

Total Cost: \$250,000.00  
Sponsor's Cost: \$12,520.00  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$7,500.00



**Jackpot / Elko County**

Construct Parallel taxiway & associate four taxiways

Total Cost: \$2,743,757.02  
Sponsor's Cost: \$137,188.02  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$50,000.00

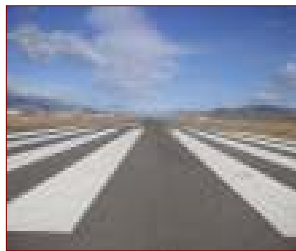




**Lovelock / Pershing County**

Install a Jet A fueling system & 12,000 gallon fuel tank

Total Cost: \$157,894.73  
Sponsor's Cost: \$7,894.74  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$7,500.00



**Minden / Douglas County**

Acquire land for approach to runway 16, rehabilitate runway 16-34. Relocate power lines in runway 12 RPZ

Total Cost: \$2,027,046.00  
Sponsor's Cost: \$96,526.00  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$50,000.00



**Owyhee / Elko County**

Prepare environmental assessment for new airport

Total Cost: \$157,894.73  
Sponsor's Cost: \$7,895.00  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$7,895.00



**Pahrump / Nye County**

Airport master plan study update & Test Borings for Pavement Design

Total Cost: \$394,700.00  
Sponsor's Cost: \$19,700.00  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$15,789.00

**Panaca / Lincoln County**

Design only: access road, construct portion of taxiway A, rehabilitate runway 17-35 & tie-down apron

Total Cost: \$165,000.00  
Sponsor's Cost: \$8,250.00  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$8,250.00



**Silver Springs / Lyon County**

Construct PAPI's, REIL's and Rotating Beacon, Slurry Seal and Strip Airport Pavements. Prepare ALP

Total Cost: \$1,483,015.90  
Sponsor's Cost: \$38,923.62  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$38,923.62



**Tonopah / Nye County**

Rehabilitate runways 11-29, 15-33, taxiways, and apron. Install lighting system for runways

Total Cost: \$906,722.00  
Sponsor's Cost: \$51,580.00  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$37,821.00



**Wells / Elko County**

Rehabilitate runway 8-26

Total Cost: \$2,039,000.00  
Sponsor's Cost: \$101,950.00  
Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$50,000.00





**Winnemucca / Humboldt County**

Rehabilitate runway 14-32

Total Cost: \$1,900,348.83

Sponsor's Cost: \$90,266.57

Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$36,635.00



**Yerington / Lyon County**

Update airport master plan, construct helipad,  
relocate beacon, rehabilitate apron & taxiways

Total Cost: \$444,518.52

Sponsor's Cost: \$21,114.62

Trust Fund Reimbursement: \$17,610.00

## Support Nevada Jobs!



Carson City Airport—2008

**The following are the companies and how many employees they had working on the Carson City Airport Project that was partially funded by the Nevada Aviation Trust Fund.**

- CFA: Reno, Nevada—3 Jobs
- CR Drake & Sons: Winnemucca, NV—3 Jobs
- Dinter Engineering: Reno, NV—2 Jobs
- North American Mapping: Sparks, NV—3 Jobs
- PBS&J: Reno, NV—12 Jobs
- Sierra Nevada Construction: Sparks, NV—22 Jobs
- Stantec: Reno, NV—6 Jobs



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