

Atchison's Amelia Earhart Airport receives funding

**(KAIR)--Atchison's Amelia Earhart Memorial Airport is among a group of 66 airport projects receiving funding through the Kansas Airport Improvement Program.**

**According to a release from the office of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, the funds are earmarked to be used for planning, constructing, or rehabilitating public-use general aviation airports.**

**A total of \$42,075 is designated for the City of Atchison, for use at the Amelia Earhart Airport, with the release explaining that the funds will be used to construct an automated gate.**

**The other 65 Kansas airports receiving funds are outside the local area.**

**Kelly, in the release, says the grants "ensure the safety and longevity of Kansas airports, all while contributing to economic growth and job creation."**

**The release notes that "the aviation industry represents over \$20.6 billion in economic impact across a broad spectrum of supply chain and manufacturing industries in Kansas."**

**153 applications seeking funds were received by the Kansas Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation, with the latest round of grants ultimately designated according to impact on flight safety, economic growth, and regional benefit.**

**This year, the program awarded more than \$11 million to 66 approved projects, with a total project value of nearly \$14.4 million.**

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