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## **DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION AWARDED MORE THAN \$35 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING**

### ***Grants to Cover Security Improvements at McCarran, Upgrades at General Aviation Airports***

The Clark County Department of Aviation has been awarded government grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) amounting to more than \$35 million. These federal funds will underwrite capital improvements at McCarran International Airport, as well as Clark County's general aviation reliever airports at North Las Vegas, Henderson and Overton. These projects range from the upgrade and replacement of aging airfield pavement, to reimbursement for security improvements.

Each year, airports submit Airport Capital Improvement Programs (AIP) to the FAA for funding. In past years, Clark County's funding has averaged between \$12 and \$20 million. Additional funds were awarded this year to reimburse the Department for security improvements at McCarran including fingerprinting equipment and parking infrastructure changes.

Director of Aviation, Randall H. Walker, said, "In these tough economic times many airports are canceling capital projects. McCarran, however, has great faith in the Southern Nevada economy and is prudently moving forward to ensure we are positioned to meet the future aviation needs of this community."

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