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General Aviation Appreciation Month Declared in West Virginia; State Airports Get Money For Infrastructure, Safety, and Improvement Projects

In late September, West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin signed a proclamation declaring October 2013 as General Aviation Appreciation Month across the Mountain State.

The [proclamation](#) states that general aviation and West Virginia's airports play a critical role in the lives of its citizens, businesses, communities and the State of West Virginia. The state is home to 32 public use airports that serve more than 2,200 pilots and 1,370 general aviation aircraft. General aviation contributes \$616 million to the state's economy. Governor Tomblin also recognized general aviation's vital importance to the state in 2012.

On Wednesday, October 9, Governor Tomblin and West Virginia Secretary of Transportation Paul Mattox announced that more than \$20 million in state and federal grants will be distributed to eighteen airports throughout the state. "West Virginia's airports play a critical role in the economy," Governor Tomblin stated. "They support businesses, manufacturers and emergency responders, maintaining local jobs and creating economic opportunity." The funds will be utilized for airport infrastructure, safety and improvement projects.