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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AWARDS WILLARD AIRPORT COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING

SAVOY, IL (February 18, 2021) – The [Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program](#) administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration is making nearly \$2 billion in federal grant funding available to airports affected by COVID-19. Willard Airport will receive \$1,387,375 in economic relief to go towards operational expenses, debt service payments, and costs related to fighting the spread of COVID-19 at the airport. Included in the funding is \$22,608 for concessions relief.

“Like many airports, Willard Airport continues to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Tim Bannon, Willard Airport Executive Director. “This assistance will help offset the increased operating expenses and loss of revenue as a result of COVID-19. The funding will go towards operating expenses such as salaries, maintenance, and safety precautions essential to keeping the airport operational. A portion of the money will also be allocated for airport concessions relief.”

This is the second COVID-19 relief grant Willard Airport has received. In April 2020 the [CARES Act Airport Grant Program](#) awarded Willard Airport \$1,838,071 to aid in the loss of revenue due to the pandemic.

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