



GEORGIA AIRPORTS ASSOCIATION 2025 Legislative Advocacy



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Georgia Airports are **vital economic generators** for communities, yet they are **critically underfunded** regarding infrastructure needs.

Georgia airports (excluding ATL) have **\$412 million** in infrastructure funding requests for FY25. The Governor's current FY25 budget appropriation for Airport Aid stands at \$26.3M.

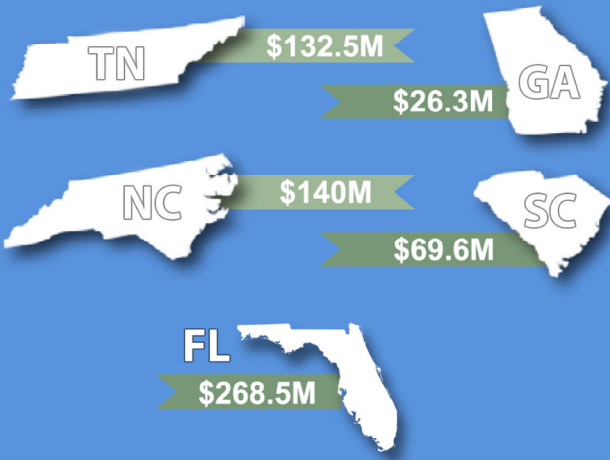
Air Cargo: \$30 billion in commodities move through Georgia airports each year. **\$107 million** is needed to fund immediate air cargo improvements across the State.

Georgia's funding of airports is in **critical need of investment** to remain competitive with surrounding States, meet FAA and State safety regulations and continue generating economic benefits to communities statewide.

2025 Priorities



FY25 State Funding



State-sponsored ADS-B Airport Operation Management Subscriptions

Software/hardware that provides monitoring of airport operations, such as takeoffs, landings, touch and go's, pavement utilization and based aircraft. Data can be used by both the airport and GDOT to track funding needs and better monitor airport usage.

Increase State Airport Aid

With \$412M in FY25 airport needs, GAA is pushing for continued increases to State Airport Aid with an ultimate goal of a consistent \$80M annual budget.

Statewide Airspace Protection Around Airports

Georgia is 1 of 3 States without such legislation. GAA has commissioned a study of the 47 States that have such legislation to determine the best route for the State of Georgia to pursue. The scope of the study includes draft legislation to be presented to the Georgia General Assembly for consideration. The results of the study will be published in early 2025.

GDOT Funding Formula Revision

GDOT's current 75/25 funding formula was based on lower Airport Aid budgets and designed to make dollars stretch farther. With increases in Airport Aid, a formula revision is necessary to get aid out faster and provide benefits to smaller communities who may not be able to provide 25% matching funds. GAA would like to see local match formulas more in line with Federal 90% grants and/or based on community need and financial ability.

Hangar Funding

Based on GDOT's hangar study released in 2024, GAA is pursuing a State funding program to address the \$450M need for hangars across Georgia.

AAM/UAM

GAA continues to work with the State to ensure that Georgia and Georgia's Airports are best positioned to be on the cutting edge for adoption of electric aircraft and electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft in the near future.

Air Cargo Funding

GAA continues to push for additional State funding to address \$107M in Air Cargo improvements needed at Albany, Savannah, Statesboro and Swainsboro airports.

Commercial Service Funding Gap

Based on GDOT's Commercial Service 5-year CIP study released in 2024, GAA is pursuing State funds to address the \$25M annual gap in funding at Commercial Service Airports in Georgia.