

Federal Direct Spending on Aviation, 1918-1998

Type of Aid	Estimate
Airmail Operations by Post Office, 1918-1928	\$12,000,000
Airmail Contract Operations, 1926-1930	17,096,464
Airmail Contract Operations, 1931-1934	53,570,447
Airmail Contract Operations, 1935-1938	26,398,568
Airmail Subsidies, 1939-1953	310,890,000
Airline Subsidies, 1954-1984	1,857,992,000
Loan Guarantee Program,, 1958-1983	924,071,228
Essential Air Service, 1979 - 1998	588,165,000
Airways, 1925-1941	111,881,934
Airways, 1942-1970	9,115,210,000
FAA Facilities and Equipment (trust fund), FY1971-	28,295,000,000
FAA Research, Engineering & Development (trust	4,092,000,000
Airports: Federal Work-Relief Projects	157,322,618
Airports: Other aid prior to 1953	402,783,870
Airports, 1953-1970	1,069,372,917
Airports (trust fund), 1971-1998	26,493,000,000
FAA Operations and Maintenance (general fund),	54,941,000,000
FAA Operations and Maintenance (trust fund),	26,009,000,000
National Weather Service, 1977-1987	672,933,000
Total Spending for Aviation, 1918 - 1998	155,149,688,046
Trust Fund Revenues, FY1971-FY1998	75,376,000,000
Trust Fund Interest Revenues, FY1971-FY1998	16,012,000,000
Total Trust Fund Income, FY1971-FY1998	91,388,000,000

Source: US Congressional Research Service report dated February 3, 1999 (as released by WikiLeaks in 2009).