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Governor Bredesen Announces Grant for Civil Air Patrol

Grant awarded through TDOT's Aeronautics Division

NASHVILLE—Governor Phil Bredesen announced today that an aeronautics grant totaling \$87,750 has been approved for the Tennessee Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

“Now more than ever, it is important that our young military cadets get the best training and education available,” said Bredesen. “The Civil Air Patrol provides young people with vital aerospace education and the leadership training they need to become important leaders in the aviation industry and I’m pleased to support this program.”

The Civil Air Patrol is the civilian Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and is organized along military lines. There are more than 1,700 units across the U.S. The CAP is responsible for performing three congressionally mandated missions: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services.

The grants are made available through the Tennessee Department of Transportation’s Aeronautics Division.

“This division administers federal and state funding to assist in the location, design, construction and maintenance of Tennessee’s diverse public aviation system,” reported TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. “We are pleased to continue to support Tennessee’s general aviation and commercial airports.”

Except for routine expenditures, grant applications are reviewed by the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission (TAC), which is a five member board charged with policy planning and with regulating changes in the state airport system plan.

TAC Chair Larry Mullins explained, “Our board examines the applications carefully to ensure that the proper state and local matching funds are in place and that the grants will be put to good use.”

The TDOT Aeronautics Division has the responsibility of inspecting and licensing the state’s 126 heliports and 75 public/general aviation airports. The Division also provides aircraft and related services for state government and staffing for the [Tennessee Aeronautics Commission](#).

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