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GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AWARDED A SMALL COMMUNITY AIR  
SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM GRANT

Gainesville, FL – September 18, 2003 – The U.S. Department of Transportation announced yesterday that Gainesville Regional Airport will receive a \$660,000 grant awarded under the USDOT Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program. Congresswoman Corrine Brown and the Florida delegation have consistently supported this request, citing air service as a critical cornerstone to economic development and the quality of life for the North Central Florida region. Gainesville was one of 170 applications requesting \$104 million in federal assistance. Ultimately, 35 awards were made, dispersing \$19, 849,807 in federal funding.

Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority CEO Rick Crider states that “this grant award will accelerate some very positive discussion with airlines interested in serving Gainesville Regional Airport.” This is the second year such a pilot program was implemented by the USDOT. Gainesville is the only Florida community to receive a grant under this program in fiscal year 2003.

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