

# **New Bedford awarded \$1 million from the Department of Transportation**

Today, Congressman Bill Keating is announcing that five airports in the Ninth Congressional District have been awarded over \$12 million in grants from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

“Our local airports are critical to the economic success of our district, and on the Islands, for the residents to be able to travel safely and quickly,” said Congressman Keating. “The amount of funds awarded to our district is a major win for our airports and all of our surrounding communities. In particular, New Bedford and the South Coast will see great benefit as New Bedford Airport seeks to expand its commercial carriers and routes.”

“This grant award could not come at a better time for New Bedford Regional Airport, with the airport’s recent 139 Certification allowing for expanded commercial air service, and a major strategic planning exercise underway,” said New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell. “We are grateful to the Federal Aviation Administration for this vote of confidence in the airport’s future and the support of Congressman Keating.”

Below is a list of the grants and descriptions per the DOT:

<b>Martha's Vineyard Airport</b>	\$10,269,900	This funding will be used to reconstruct 5,504 feet of the existing Runway 6/24 pavement.
<b>Nantucket Airport</b>	\$382,500	This grant will be used to install an emergency generator for the Runway 6/24 lighting system.
	\$675,000	This grant will be used to conduct an environmental study of impacts of proposed projects identified on the airport's five-year capital improvement plan.
<b>New Bedford Airport</b>	\$235,000	This grant will improve grading to the Runway 5/23 safety area.
	\$765,000	These funds will be used to acquire an aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicle.
<b>Plymouth Airport</b>	\$92,700	This funding will allow the airport to conduct a wildlife hazard assessment on the airport grounds.
	\$81,000	This grant will provide for an environmental mitigation as required due to impacts of the Runway 15/33 extension project.
<b>Provincetown Airport</b>	\$100,000	These funds will allow the airport to acquire a carrier vehicle with plow attachment for times of inclement weather.
	<b>DISTRICT TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,601,100</b>