



## What We Do

The Ohio Aviation Association (OAA) advances aviation and airports across Ohio. As the voice for Ohio airports, the OAA works to develop policies and affect legislation through education and advocacy in the executive and legislative branches on behalf of our members.



## What We Practice

OAA helps to position Ohio's 104 public-owned, public use airports for growth opportunities. To do this, we prioritize the following:

**Support Infrastructure Investment:** Ensure a sustainable funding stream to provide needed infrastructure improvements at Ohio's network of airports.

**Protect Aviation Assets:** Ensure legislation and policy is in place to protect Ohio's airports and airspace to provide for future needs of Ohioans.

**Support Air Service Initiatives:** Support state efforts to ensure an attractive level of air service for current and future businesses and universities, as well as residents of Ohio.

**Support Workforce Initiatives:** Support state + local efforts to increase the workforce pipeline in all sectors of aviation.



## Why Ohio Lawmakers Should Prioritize Aviation + Airports

The aviation sector is designated as critical infrastructure. Ohio's diverse and robust system of airports collectively have an economic impact of more than \$15 billion + employs more than 119,000 employees. It connects citizens, businesses, and communities to destinations around the world while providing significant economic impacts and growth opportunities to the Ohio economy.

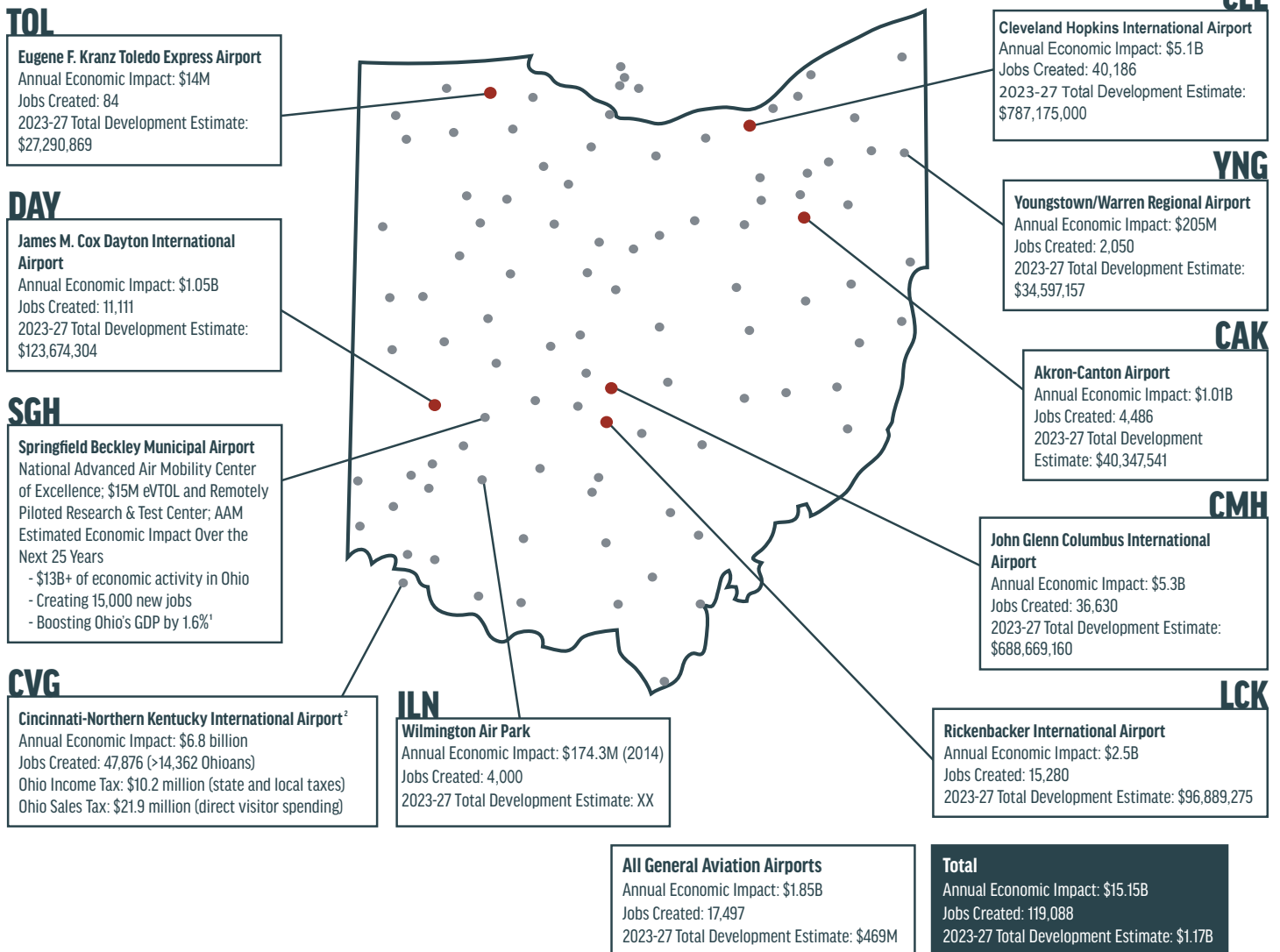
In addition to the economic impacts noted above, airports further strengthen Ohio through:



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## FY 24-25 Capital Budget Requests for All Airports

The annual requests from general aviation airports is between \$20 and \$25 million. Commercial airports do not have any dedicated state funding. The Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program provides grants to public-owned, public use airports. But, depending on the size of the airport, the local match required is 5-25% of the project. Therefore, state funds can enable Ohio's airports to remain competitive in maintaining and enhancing these critical aviation infrastructure assets.

**General Aviation Airports: \$29.2 million**  
**Commercial Service Airports: \$210.4 million**

**Ohio's Grant  
Eligible Airports**

**6 Commercial Service Airports**  
**98 General Aviation Airports**  
**83 Counties Have Public Use Airports**

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**How Does Ohio  
Funding Compare  
to Other State  
Budgets Supporting  
Airports?<sup>4</sup>**

**Ohio: \$10 million**  
**Kentucky: \$18 million**  
**Florida: \$404 million**  
**Georgia: \$26 million**  
**North Carolina: \$242 million<sup>3</sup>**  
**South Carolina: \$52 million**  
**Tennessee: \$96 million**  
**Virginia: \$25-27 million**

<sup>1</sup> June 2021 Study Conducted by Crown Consulting Inc., NEXA Capital Partners, LLC., University of Cincinnati

<sup>2</sup> While CVG is not eligible for state funding, it does have a positive economic impact on the state of Ohio

<sup>3</sup> Commercial and additional funds allocated for general aviation airports

<sup>4</sup> State budget funding numbers cited from January 5, 2022, State Airport Assistance Study prepared by the Center for Business and Economic Research, Gatton College of Business and Economics, University of Kentucky