

Hyde-Smith announces \$17.3 million to make improvements at nine Miss. airports

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), chair of the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee, today announced that nine municipal airfields in Mississippi have been awarded more than \$17.3 million in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant funding.

The 10 grants for Mississippi are among the Round 4 announcement of FY2026 AIP grants approved by the Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration (FAA). The awards meet the Airport Safety and Resilient Infrastructure Development (ASRID) eligibility and prioritization criteria.

“Airport Improvement Program grants will allow more Mississippi airfields to maintain and improve their facilities, and to bring them into compliance with current safety standards. All this work is increasingly important as our state acts to attract more jobs and economic development,” Hyde-Smith said.

ASRID supplemental

funds were provided in the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4). Some AIP-funded construction projects will also be supported through separate airport infrastructure and terminal grant programs.

The 10 AIP grants approved for Mississippi include:

- Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport, Gulfport — \$4,442,376 to acquire airfield pavement sweeper equipment, rehabilitate terminal apron and runway

Robert Moore, of Durant, MS, is one of the May 2026 graduates. Moore, who majored in Sport and Recreation Administration, received a Bachelor of Arts in Sport and Recreation Administration from the School of Applied Sciences.

“Our May 2026 graduates are distinguished by their commitment to academic excellence and are prepared to build legacies that began here at Ole Miss,” UM Chancellor Glenn Boyce said. “Their impact on the world around them is already taking shape, and they have bright futures ahead.”

May 2026 graduates were invited to walk across the stage at the University of Mississippi’s 173rd Commencement exercises, which were held by individual colleges and schools May 7-9. The university-wide morning Convocation took place Saturday, May 9 in the Grove, with Brett Young, country music artist and former Ole Miss baseball pitcher, giving the keynote address.

University of Miss. Celebrates May 2026 Graduates

UNIVERSITY, MS -- More than 3,800 students graduated from the University of Mississippi in May 2026. Undergraduate and graduate candidates received degrees from the College of Liberal Arts, General Studies and schools of Accountancy, Applied Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Journalism and New Media, Law and Pharmacy.

Mary Smith, of Durant, MS, is one of the May 2026 graduates. Smith, who majored in Political Science, received a Bachelor of Arts from the College of Liberal Arts.

Ricky Fletcher, of Durant, MS, is one of the May 2026 graduates. Fletcher, who majored in Multi-Disciplinary Studies, received a Bachelor of Multi-Disciplinary Studies from the General Studies.

T’kaylin Jenkins, of Tchula, MS, is one of the May 2026 graduates. Jenkins, who majored in Social Work, received a Bachelor of Social Work from the School of Applied Sciences.

Khadijah Lampkin, of Lexington, MS, is one of the May 2026 graduates. Lampkin, who majored in Social Work, received a Bachelor of Social Work from the School of Applied Sciences.

Lillian Lewis, of Goodman, MS, is one of the May 2026 graduates. Lewis, who majored in Public Health, received a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from the School of Applied Sciences.

U.S. Postal Service raises stamp prices

The raise comes amid a ‘severe financial crisis’
By Megan Swift

The U.S. Postal Service is raising the price of a Forever stamp.

The new rate is a 4-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp — from 78 to 82 cents — starting on Sunday.

The Postal Service cited its “severe financial crisis” and “continued operational costs” as reasoning.

“The Postal Service is using all available tools, including available regulatory pricing authority, to ensure we can continue to fulfill our universal service obligation and serve the American public,” the announcement

said.

The federal entity said it “generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses” — and it instead relies on the sale of postage, products and services as funding.

“We are running out of cash, and we have to make tradeoffs,” Postmaster General David Steiner told lawmakers earlier this year, NewsNation reported. “We would love to have brand new trucks driving through the neighborhoods safely, but we don’t have enough cash to do it.”

Specific product prices will include:

- *Letters (1 ounce) 78 cents to 82 cents

- *Letters (metered 1 ounce) 74 cents to 78 cents

- *Domestic postcards 61 cents to 65 cents

- *International postcards \$1.70 to \$1.75

- *International letter (1 ounce) \$1.70 to \$1.75

Overall, the change raised mailing services product prices approximately 4.8%, USPS said.

However, the additional-ounce price for single-piece letters will remain at 29 cents, according to the announcement.

The U.S. Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission in April regarding the proposed mailing services price changes, USPS said.

pavement, install a new airport rotating beacon, continue terminal apron pavement reconstruction, and replace the airfield lighting control and monitoring system

- Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport, Gulfport — \$3,998,989 to extend Runway 36 and reconfigure Taxiway J connectors.

- Bruce Campbell Field, Madison — \$3,972,510 (\$3.7 million discretionary/\$272,510 AIP) to continue runway rehabilitation.

- C.A. Moore Airport, Lexington — \$1,550,000 (\$950,000 discretionary/\$600,000 AIP) to rehabilitate an existing runway.

- Key Field, Meridian — \$1,289,688 to rehabilitate runway and taxiway pavement markings, reconstruct existing storm sewer infrastructure in runway safety area, and rehabilitate runway lighting.

- Ruleville-Drew Airport, Sunflower County — \$972,175 to support construction of a new paved taxiway.

- Hardy-Anders Field,

Natchez — \$500,780 to support construction of a new 10,000-square-foot terminal to accommodate passengers.

- Clark County Airport, Quitman — \$361,881 to reconstruct runway and taxiway lighting, and to install a precision approach path indicator.

- Dean Griffin Memorial Airport, Wiggins — \$150,000 to support the acquisition of easement and property to protect the approach to Runway 17.

- Paul Pittman Memorial Airport, Walthall — \$80,153 to construct an aircraft maintenance hangar.

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“TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE TAXPAYERS OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

“You are hereby notified that the real and personal property assessment rolls of the above named County for the year 2026, starting July 7th, 2026 and ending July 17th, 2026 have been equalized according to law, and that said rolls are ready for inspection and examination, and that any objections to said rolls, or any assessment therein contained, shall be made in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County on or before the 17th day of August, 2026, at her office at 22323 Depot Street, Highway 12, Lexington of said County, and that all assessments to which no objection is then and there made will be finally approved by said Board of Supervisors, and that all assessments to which objection is made, and which may be corrected and properly determined by this Board, will be made final by this Board of Supervisors, and that said rolls and the assessments contained therein will be approved by this Board of Supervisors; and that,

“1. This Board will be in session for the purpose of hearing objections to the said assessments which may be filed at 22323 Depot Street, Highway 12, in the City of Lexington, said County and State, on the 17th day of August, 2026, and,

“2. This Board of Supervisors will remain in session from day to day until all objections, lawfully filed, shall have been disposed of and all proper corrections made in the said rolls.

“Witness the signature and seal of the said Board of Supervisors this the 2nd day of July, 2026, and

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HOLMES COUNTY

By /s/ LeRoy Johnson
President

By /s/ Charlie Luckett
Chancery Clerk

Ordered and Adjudged this 2nd day of July, 2026.
/s/ LeRoy Johnson

NOTE: Said rolls are available for inspection in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room. Assistance in examining the rolls is available from personnel of the County Appraisal Office, 22323 Depot Street, Highway 12, Lexington. Questions regarding assessments may also be made by telephone to said Office, 662.834.3737; if no answer, call the Assessor’s Office, 662.834.2865. Blank forms for use in filing objections may be obtained from the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.