

PRESS RELEASE - UPDATE
VALLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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City of Harlingen Awarded \$4.5 Million for Airport Terminal Program Funding

(Harlingen, TX.) — Today, The City of Harlingen is proud to announce the federal award of \$4,500,000 US Dollars in funding for the modernization of the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at Valley International Airport (HRL). This funding, secured through the Airport Terminal Program (ATP) of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, signifies a landmark advancement in enhancing air traffic control safety and efficiency at HRL, while demonstrating our dedication to top-tier community and visitor facilities.

The ATP funds, allocated as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's \$1 Billion distribution for Federal FY24, will be instrumental in the modernization and expansion of airport terminals and control towers, ensuring adherence to the most rigorous standards of safety, security, and passenger service.

“The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law continues to better our communities, modernize our infrastructure, and increase transportation reliability,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “The funding will ensure that Valley International Airport continues to provide top-notch safety to onboard travelers and crews while improving workplace conditions for hardworking staff.”

Our gratitude extends to our representatives in Washington D.C., whose strong support and effective advocacy were key in obtaining this crucial funding. Our representatives’ commitment to the growth of our airport and the betterment of our region's infrastructure has been invaluable.

Harlingen Mayor Norma Sepulveda expressed her thanks: "This is a transformative moment for the City of Harlingen and Valley International Airport. The \$4.5 Million ATP grant not only solidifies our commitment to maintaining a state-of-the-art facility but also showcases the federal government's confidence in our city to continue thriving as a regional hub of commerce and travel."

Marv Esterly, Director of Aviation at Valley International Airport, also commented on the grant: "I'm profoundly grateful for the support from our federal representatives, our Harlingen Airport Board, Mayor of Harlingen and City Commissioners. This funding is not only a milestone for our airport but also a reflection of their dedication to enhancing our aviation infrastructure. The ATCT upgrade will significantly improve our operational capacity and ensure the safety and efficiency of **our airspace.**"



DAYTIME RENDERING



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