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Iowa airport creates charitable fund to raise money for improvements

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The terminal at Iowa City Municipal Airport. (Photo courtesy Iowa City)

The [Iowa City Airport Commission](#) has created a charitable giving fund to raise money for improvements at Iowa City Municipal Airport ([KIOW](#)).

The fund will help with general support, upkeep, beautification, and capital improvements to the airport's buildings, equipment, and grounds, according to a news release from the city.

The release noted how the city-owned general aviation airport is a “vital gateway” to Iowa City, as well as “crucial to supporting area businesses and medical facilities.”

The first project for the Iowa City Municipal Airport Charitable Giving Fund is a new mural on an airport hangar. The 12-foot-high by 300-foot-long mural, which is being created in partnership with the city's public art advisory committee, is expected to cost around \$38,000.

City officials hope to raise \$35,000 for the mural. All donors will have their names on a plaque in the airport's terminal.

Anyone who donates more than \$5,000 before July 15, 2023, will be allowed to suggest elements for the mural's design, such as having their aircraft included, city officials said.



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Pilot and aviation enthusiasts who would like to donate to the fund can do so online at the [Community Foundation of Johnson County](#).

KIOW is the third most active general aviation airport in Iowa, with approximately 36,000 flight operations annually, according to airport officials. A 2022 report from the Iowa Department of Transportation found that operations at KIOW generate \$24 million for the local economy.

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