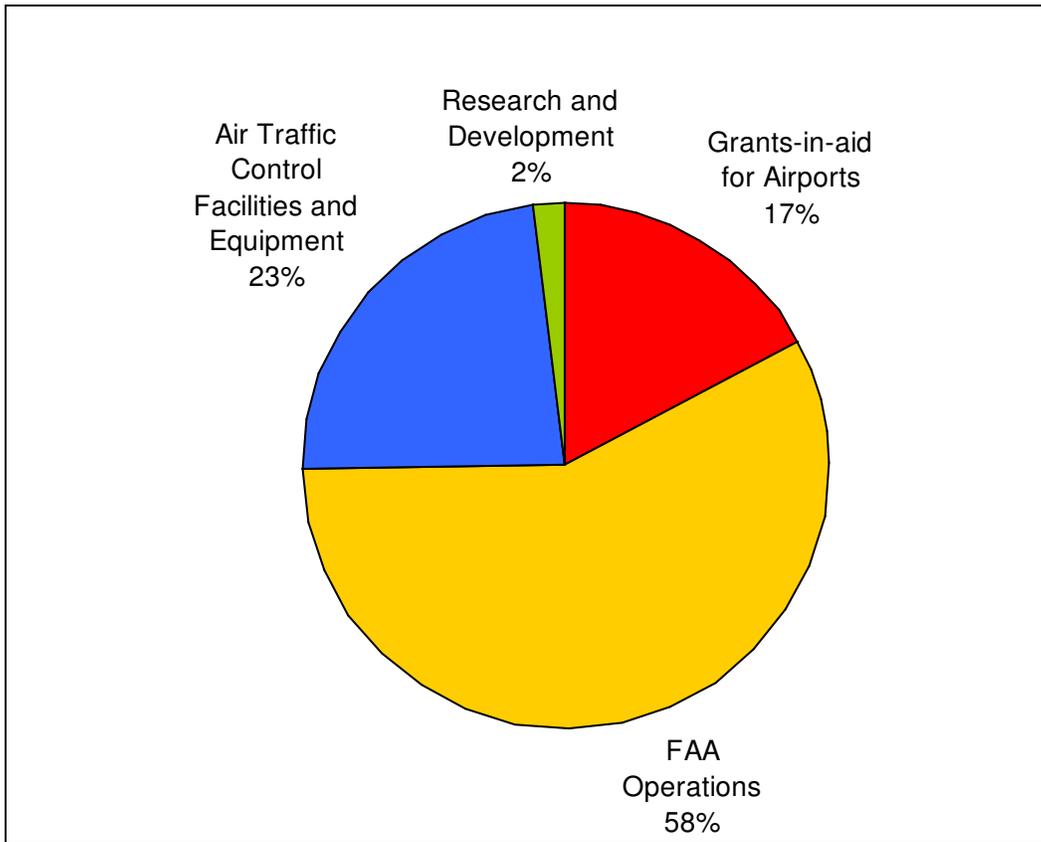


**Figure 3-8: 2000 Airport and Airway Trust Fund Expenditures**



<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ in millions</b>
<i>Grants-in-aid for Airports</i>	<i>1,578</i>
FAA Operations	5,299
Air Traffic Control Facilities and Equipment	2,141
Research and Development	169
<b>TOTAL TRUST FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>9,187</b>

Source: "Fiscal Year 2002: Budget in Brief," FAA, April 2001.

Grants to U.S. airports funded by Airport and Airways Trust Funds revenues are administered by the FAA and distributed through the Airport Improvement Program to eligible airports throughout the U.S. During FY 2000, all general aviation airports combined received 18 percent, or \$335 million of AIP grants, while commercial service airports received 75 percent or \$1.4 billion. Since the GA airports contributed, with \$272 million, somewhat less than they received, they were supported in part by taxes from commercial aviation. This is the intention of the program since the smaller airports, through siphoning off the lighter aircraft traffic, play a vital role in maintaining the viability of the larger ones.