

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 10/17/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0855

**LOG NAME:** 55AFWRAMP2024 AMENDMENT I

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 10) Authorize Acceptance of a Routine Airport Maintenance Program Grant for Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport from the Texas Department of Transportation, if Awarded, in an Amount of Up to \$100,000.00, Accept Contribution from Alliance Air Services in the Amount of Up to \$100,000.00 for the City's 50 Percent Grant Match and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of a Routine Airport Maintenance Program Grant, if awarded, for Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport from the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, in an amount up to \$100,000.00;
2. Authorize the acceptance of the contribution from Alliance Air Services, Inc. in an amount up to \$100,000.00 for the City's match requirement of up to 50 percent; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing the estimated receipts and appropriations in the Muni Airport Grants State Fund in an amount up to \$100,000.00, subject to receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding the Routine Airport Maintenance Program Grant 2024 project for Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

On August 8, 2023 City Council approved M&C 23-0555 which authorized the acceptance of the Routine Airport Maintenance Program grant for FY 2024.

Typically, each year, the City of Fort Worth receives a grant offer from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to provide needed routine maintenance items or to fund small capital improvement projects at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport (Perot Field), with a total eligible project cost in an amount up to \$100,000.00 and a requirement for a 50 percent match of eligible project costs in an amount up to \$50,000.00. The matching amount is contributed by Alliance Air Services, Inc., who is contracted by the City of Fort Worth to manage Perot Field, in an amount up to \$50,000.00.

Recently, TxDOT increased the State contribution for Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant funds from an amount up to \$50,000.00 to an amended amount up to \$100,000.00, altering the City's 50 percent match requirement from \$50,000.00 to an amended match of up to \$100,000.00, for a total eligible project cost in an amount up to \$200,000.00. For this reason, the Aviation Department is coming back to City Council for the authorization to accept an award at this higher amount as well as appropriate the additional funding necessary, in addition to the funding previously appropriated back in August, in the respective accounts to accommodate for the increased grant amounts.

The total contribution from Alliance Air Services, Inc. will now be a contribution of an amount up to \$100,000.00 to the City of Fort Worth to use as its grant match, up to 50 percent, of eligible project costs.

Allowable expenses under the RAMP Grant include, but are not limited to, pavement crack sealing, pavement markings, drainage replacement or maintenance, replacement bulbs/lamps for airside lighting fixtures and security fencing. Engineering and design expenses are allowed for small capital projects that include, but are not limited to, public parking areas, hangar access roads and extension of runway lighting systems.

TxDOT does not permit reimbursement of indirect costs in this grant. This grant does not support any staff positions within the Aviation Department.

Perot Field is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 10.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Muni Airport Grants State Fund. The Aviation Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Aviation Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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