

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 06/25/24

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 24-0598

**LOG NAME:** 55FTW 2023 SUPPLEMENTAL DISCRETIONARY GRANT

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 2) Ratify the Application for and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Fiscal Year 2023 Airport Improvement Program Supplemental Discretionary Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in an Amount Up to \$1,080,000.00 for a Fuel Farm Replacement Environmental Study and Design at Fort Worth Meacham International Airport, Authorize Use of Future Grant Match Capital Funding in an Amount Up to \$120,000.00 for the City's Grant Match for a Total Project Amount Up to \$1,200,000.00, Authorize Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the application for and authorize the acceptance of, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2023 Airport Improvement Program Supplemental Discretionary Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount up to \$1,080,000.00 for a Fuel Farm Replacement Environmental Study and Design at Fort Worth Meacham International Airport;
2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Municipal Airport Grants Federal Fund in an amount up to (1) \$1,080,000.00 subject to the receipt of the grant, and (2) with \$120,000.00 as a transfer from the Future Grant Match project within Municipal Airport Capital Project Fund to satisfy the City's match requirement for a total of \$1,200,000.00, for the purpose of funding the Fort Worth Meacham International Airport Fuel Farm Replacement Environmental Study and Design.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced the Fiscal Year 2023 Airport Improvement Program Supplemental Discretionary Grant. Eligible projects under this funding include airport construction projects, associated airport capital planning, noise planning and noise mitigation projects, and energy and environmental sustainability projects. If awarded, funding will be used for an environmental study and design of a fuel farm replacement of twenty-one underground fuel tanks at Fort Worth Meacham International Airport (Meacham).

According to a study completed by the Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and the Environmental Protection Agency reports, the life expectancy of above and underground fuel tanks is between 20 and 30 years. Currently, the underground fuel tanks at Meacham fuel farm are more than 30 years old. Grant funding for this project will increase Meacham's sustainability and environmental safety related to storing aviation fuel at the airport. If awarded, the FAA will provide funding up to \$1,080,000.00. This grant requires a 10 percent match of eligible project costs in an amount up to \$120,000.00. The Aviation Department will utilize capital funding from the Future Grant Matches project (City Project No. 101731) to provide matching grant funds to leverage the grant funds for projects.

Since this grant does not support any staff positions within the Aviation Department, indirect cost recovery does not apply.

City of Fort Worth Meacham International Airport is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Federal Aviation Administration

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## **FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, receipt of the grant and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Muni Airport Grants Federal 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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