

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 02/28/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0179

**LOG NAME:** 55AFW NOISE MITIGATION GRANT 2023

**SUBJECT**

(CD 7 / Future CD 10) Authorize Application for and Acceptance of a Noise Mitigation Grant, if Awarded, from the Federal Aviation Administration in an Amount Up to \$15,000,000.00 for Noise Mitigation Efforts at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport, Authorize Use of Land Credits for City's Match in an Amount Up to \$1,666,667.00 for a Total Amount Up to \$16,666,667.00 and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of a Noise Mitigation Grant, if awarded, from the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount up to \$15,000,000.00 for noise mitigation efforts at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport;
2. Authorize the use of land credits in an amount up to \$1,666,667.00 for the City's in-kind local match of the project costs; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing the estimated receipts and appropriations in the Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund in the amount of \$1,666,667.00, subject to the receipt of the grant, for the purpose of funding noise mitigation efforts at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued over \$19,000,000.00 in grant funding during the 2019, 2020 and 2021 fiscal years for the Noise Mitigation project (Project) at Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport (Airport). No funding was awarded in 2022. The 2023 grant, if awarded, will fund the continued noise mitigation efforts included in this Project. Any funding not used will be returned to the FAA.

The first phase of the Project included an in-depth study of homes in the Rivers Edge neighborhood, which determined 264 homes are eligible for noise mitigation efforts.

Five methods for noise mitigation will be offered to the homeowners. These methods include a sound insulation program, sales assurance program, transaction assistance program, and purchase assurance program, all with an associated avigation easement, as well as an avigation easement program. The choice of the sound insulation program, which is most common in this project, will consist of the installation of new windows and doors. The choice of purchase assurance, sales assurance, or transaction assurance are measures with which to assist homeowners who prefer to move from the noise impacted areas and facilitate a timely market sale of noise impacted properties.

Existing land credits remaining from land donations at the Airport will be used for the City's in-kind match of \$1,666,667.00.

Upon award, the grant will increase funding to the Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund as shown below:

Fund	Appropriation Amount	Original Budget
Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund	\$15,000,000.00	\$15,000,000.00
Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund (Land Credits for City Match)	\$1,666,667.00	\$1,666,667.00
Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund (Total)	\$16,666,667.00	\$16,666,667.00

ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL - On January 26, 2023, the Aviation Advisory Board voted to recommend that the City Council approve the application for and acceptance of this grant.

Since no City salaries will be charged, indirect cost recovery does not apply.

Perot Field Fort Worth Alliance Airport is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7/FUTURE COUNCIL DISTRICT 10.

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

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, receipt of the grant and adoption of the attached ordinance, funds will be available in the current capital 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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