

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 10/31/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0918

**LOG NAME:** 55FWSRAMP2024 AMENDMENT I

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 8) Authorize Acceptance of a Routine Airport Maintenance Program Grant for Fort Worth Spinks Airport from the Texas Department of Transportation, if Awarded, in an Amount of Up to \$100,000.00, Authorize Use of Future Grant Match Capital Funding in an Amount of Up to \$100,000.00 for the City's 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 Fort Worth Spinks Airport from the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, in an amount up to \$100,000.00; and
  2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing the estimated receipts and appropriations in the Muni Airport Grants State Fund in an amount up to (1) \$50,000.00, subject to the receipt of the grant, and (2) with \$50,000.00 as a transfer from the Municipal Airport Capital Project Fund to satisfy the City's match requirement, totaling an amount up to \$100,000.00, for the purpose of funding Fort Worth Spinks Routine Airport Maintenance Program Grant 2024.
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## **DISCUSSION:**

On June 27, 2023 City Council approved Mayor and Council (M&C) 23-0551 which authorized the acceptance of the Routine Airport Maintenance Program grant for 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 Fort Worth Spinks Airport, 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 Aviation Department utilizes capital funding from the Future Grant Matches project (City Project No. 101731) to provide matching grants funds to leverage the grant funds for projects.

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 the now higher grant amounts allowed as well as appropriate the additional funding necessary, which will be in addition to the previous appropriation approved in June, in the respective accounts to accommodate for the increased grant amounts.

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.

Spinks Airport is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

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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