

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 03/21/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0207

**LOG NAME:** 55FWS WEATHER REPORTING SYSTEM UPGRADE

**SUBJECT**

(CD 6 / Future CD 8) Authorize Application for and Acceptance of a Grant, if Awarded, from the Federal Aviation Administration, Passed Through the Texas Department of Transportation, in an Amount Up to \$187,500.00 for the Upgrade of the Weather Reporting System at Fort Worth Spinks Airport, with an Amount Up to \$62,500.00 Contributed as the City's Match Requirement, for a Total Project Amount Up to \$250,000.00, Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Grant Related Agreements with the State of Texas, Represented by the Texas Department of Transportation, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of a grant, if awarded, from the Federal Aviation Administration, passed through the Texas Department of Transportation, in an amount up to \$187,500.00 for the upgrade of the Weather Reporting System at Fort Worth Spinks Airport;
2. Authorize the adoption of the attached resolution, as required by the Texas Department of Transportation, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary contracts associated with this project with the Texas Department of Transportation; and
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund (1) by up to \$187,500.00 subject to the receipt of the grant, and (2) by up to \$62,500.00, as a transfer from the Future Grant Match project within the Municipal Airport Capital Project Fund (City Project No. 101731) as the City's grant match requirement, for a total of \$250,000.00 for the purpose of updating the Weather Reporting System at Fort Worth Spinks Airport.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division (TxDOT) has advised the Aviation Department that funding is available for the upgrade of the Weather Reporting System (Project) at Fort Worth Spinks Airport (Airport).

The current Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) has been operating at the Airport since 2003. Multiple repairs have been necessary in order to keep the AWOS functioning, and it is now past its useful life and needs to be replaced.

Most TxDOT-funded projects are split 90/10, however the policy of TxDOT when funding weather reporting systems is a 75/25 split. TxDOT will contribute up to \$187,500.00 to the Project, while the Aviation Department will contribute \$62,500.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00. If the Project exceeds \$250,000.00, the additional costs will be funded by the Aviation Department, and a separate Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) will be written for the additional funds.

Upon approval of this M&C, all appropriations and funding will be summarized in the table below:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Source</b>
Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund	\$62,500.00	City's Grant Match Requirement
Muni Airport Grants Federal Fund	\$187,500.00	TxDOT Grant Funds
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>	

Funding for the required City match is available in the Municipal Airport Capital Projects Fund in the Future Grant Matches project.

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

City of Fort Worth Spinks Airport is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 6/FUTURE COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

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

**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 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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