

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 55AFW CARGO ENTITLEMENT GRANT 2021

SUBJECT

(CD 7) Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport Entitlement Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, in an Amount Up to \$1,824,073.00 for Airport Lighting and Pavement Improvements, Purchase of a Sweeper Truck, East Perimeter Road Fence Improvements, Extension of Taxiway Papa, and Program Management Services at Fort Worth Alliance Airport and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of, if awarded, the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport Cargo Entitlement Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount up to \$1,824,073.00 for airport lighting and pavement improvements, sweeper truck, east perimeter road fence improvements, extension of Taxiway Papa, and program management services at Fort Worth Alliance Airport; and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Municipal Airport Grants Federal Fund in the amount up to \$1,824,073.00, subject to the receipt of the grant.

DISCUSSION:

Each year Fort Worth Alliance Airport (Airport) is eligible to receive Airport Cargo Entitlement funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) based on the amount of cargo activity from the previous calendar year and discretionary dollars available in the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The total amount of entitlement funds being applied for this year is \$1,824,073.00.

The Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Cargo Entitlement grant will be used for, but not be limited to, the following projects:

- Design, construction and construction oversight for the resealing of pavement joints and miscellaneous pavement repairs at various locations at the Airport;
- Purchase of a new sweeper truck for the removal of Foreign Object Debris (FOD) at the Airport;
- Design and construction for improvements to the fence line along the east perimeter road;
- Design and construction for the continued extension of Taxiway Papa; and
- Program management services including, but not limited to, monthly grant management assistance, annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) updates and annual grant application preparation.

Typically for these grants, the sponsor is responsible for an in-kind local match of ten percent of the project costs. For FAA grants at the Airport, the City would normally meet its matching requirement through the use of land credits.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (American Rescue Plan Act), signed into law March 11, 2021, includes \$8,000,000,000.00 to remain available for assistance to eligible U.S. airports affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Rescue Plan Act includes funding that will increase the federal share on all FY21 AIP grants to 100 percent and eliminates the in-kind local match requirement for sponsors.

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

ADVISORY BOARD APPROVAL - On January 21, 2021, the Aviation Advisory Board voted to recommend that the City Council approve the application for and acceptance of this grant.

Fort Worth Alliance Airport is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 7.

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 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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