

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 55AFW NOISE MITIGATION GRANT 2021

SUBJECT

(CD 7) Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of, if Awarded, a Noise Mitigation Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in an Amount Up to \$2,222,222.00 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, a Noise Mitigation Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount up to \$2,222,222.00 for noise mitigation efforts 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 \$2,222,222.00, subject to the receipt of the grant.

DISCUSSION:

On June 5, 2018, the City Council authorized the execution of a contract with CP&Y, Inc. to perform an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Taxiway Papa Extension project at Fort Worth Alliance Airport (Airport). Upon completion of the EA, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), along with the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) issued a Record of Decision (ROD) mandating noise mitigation efforts be completed by December 31, 2024. The FAA issued an \$8,000,000.00 grant in 2019, and an additional \$8,888,888.00 grant in 2020 for noise mitigation efforts. The first phase of these efforts include an in-depth study of the homes that fall within the 2025 Noise Projection Contours (see attached map), which is currently ongoing. If the results of this study determines the existing homes do not require additional noise mitigation efforts, the money will be returned to the FAA.

If the results of the study determine the existing homes do require additional noise mitigation efforts, five alternative methods for mitigating the homes 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 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.

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 Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) 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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