



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 16, 2022

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARD: 3

**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY GENERATOR PURCHASE AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURES
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

ISSUE:

Approve a supplemental appropriation from the Riverside Municipal Airport (Airport) Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$70,000 for expenditures associated with the purchase of an emergency generator.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council with at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a supplemental appropriation in the Riverside Municipal Airport Fund, Airport Capital Projects, Generator/Windsock/Signage project expenditure account in the amount of \$70,000 to purchase an emergency generator.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Municipal Airport currently does not have a backup system to power runway and taxiway lighting during periods of darkness when the primary electrical source is interrupted.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside Municipal Airport (Airport) has a single source of electrical power provided by Riverside Public Utilities. When this power source is interrupted, the Airport does not have a backup generator to provide lighting for runways and taxiways. This creates a hazard to aircraft that are arriving or departing the Airport. The acquisition of an emergency generator is part of a federal grant to install, connect and test the generator. The estimated cost for the emergency generator is approximately \$70,000. The Airport will pay for the generator, and the installation and testing will be paid for by the federal grant.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The purchase of an emergency generator for the Riverside Municipal Airport contributes to the Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* by ensuring safe and inclusive neighborhoods where everyone can thrive and Goal No. 2.6 – strengthen community preparedness for emergencies to ensure effective response and recovery.

The Airport operations aligns with the Cross-Cutting Threads of the City's Strategic Plan as described below:

1. **Community Trust** – The Airport provides access to the entire community to experience aviation and flight training. Additionally, the facility provides a business and recreational transport center and emergency services support facility for the City of Riverside and surrounding communities.
2. **Equity** – The Riverside Municipal Airport serves the entire community of the City of Riverside. The Airport's multiple businesses provide equal access and opportunities for the City's diverse community.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** - Funds for all Airport improvements are generated from the Airport's operations and will not impact the City of Riverside's general fund.
4. **Innovation** - The Airport provides a unique opportunity for education and participating in aviation activities.
5. **Sustainability and Resiliency** – Ensuring the airport is prepared for emergency operations through the use of an emergency generator, assists in meeting community and pilot needs allowing the airport to be resilient during power outages or emergency situations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$70,000 to be appropriated from Riverside Municipal Airport (Airport) Enterprise Fund reserves. Upon Council approval, an appropriation in the Riverside Municipal Airport Fund, Airport Capital Projects, Generator/Windsock/Signage project expenditure account no. 9270400-462200 will be recorded. There are sufficient reserves to accommodate this appropriation.

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