



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2021

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARD: 3

SUBJECT: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AIRPORT RESCUE GRANT
APPLICATION AUTHORIZED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
FOR RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,000 –
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approve the grant application submission to the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Rescue Grant authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act for Riverside Municipal Airport in the amount of \$59,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the submission of the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Rescue Grant authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$59,000;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, upon grant award, record an increase in revenues and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$59,000 in the Airport Fund, Airport Rescue Grant Project; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all grant documents, including making minor non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted on March 11, 2020. Under ARPA, nearly \$8 billion was authorized for eligible U.S. airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On June 22, 2021, the United States Secretary of Transportation identified Riverside Municipal Airport's eligibility for an Airport Rescue Grant authorized under ARPA in the amount of \$59,000.

DISCUSSION:

On July 20, 2021, Airport staff received notice from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that Riverside Municipal Airport (Airport) was eligible for a grant under the Airport Rescue Grant Program in the amount of \$59,000, and staff was requested to submit the initial grant application to the FAA. The amount of the grant is pre-determined by the FAA based on the size and activity level of the airport. Provisions of the American Rescue Grant Program allow the Airport to expend the funds for any expenses that airport revenue is normally used for, including but not limited to salaries, utilities, equipment and general airport maintenance.

Following grant acceptance, staff will follow City procurement policies for expending the funds.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

Acceptance of this federal Airport Rescue Grant contributes to the City's Strategic Priority 5 - *High Performing Government*, and Goal 5.4: Achieve and maintain financial health by addressing gaps between revenues and expenditures.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads of the City's Strategic Plan as described below:

1. **Community Trust** - Ensuring the Airport is transparent in its effort to maintain financial stability, and that actions taken by the Airport serve the greater public good.
2. **Equity** - Riverside Municipal Airport ensures equitable access to Airport resources.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This grant will provide additional, necessary funding for the Airport to continue its history of financial independence from the City's General Fund.
4. **Innovation** - This grant will provide for investment in the City's future by ensuring the Airport can provide facilities that will continue to attract business to the Airport and the City.
5. **Sustainability and Resiliency** - The flexibility inherent in the use of the grant monies will ensure a continuing ability to adapt to the changing needs of the City when economic conditions require resiliency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this report is \$59,000. Upon Council approval, record and increase in revenues and appropriate an equal amount in expenditures in the Airport Fund, Airport Rescue Grant Project, revenue account number 9174000-331100 and expenditure account number 9174000-440110. There are no matching fund requirements associated with this grant.

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