

Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

PREPARED BY: MEG McWADE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

BRENDAN O'REILLY, AIRPORT MANAGER

SUBJECT: FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AMERICAN

RESCUE PLAN ACT AND AIRPORT CORONAVIRUS

RESPONSE GRANT

SUMMARY

Accept and appropriate estimated \$116,162 airport grant funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act of 2020 and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Accept \$59,000 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) American Rescue Plan Act Airport Rescue Grant Program (ARGP) funds and authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, to sign all documents related to the grant.
- Accept anticipated \$57,162 FAA Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act - Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) funds and authorize Public Works Director, or designee, to sign all documents related to the grant.
- 3. Appropriate receipt and use of anticipated \$59,000 Airport Rescue Grant Program funds and \$57,162 Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program funds to the Airport Enterprise Fund.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statements:

Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City's General Fund. Staff will appropriate the anticipated \$116,162 airport stimulus funds (ARGP and ACRGP) to the Airport Enterprise Fund.

DISCUSSION

American Rescue Plan Act

The Secretary of Transportation announced the availability of Airport relief grant funding under the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (ARPA) (Public Law 117-2) on June 22, 2021. These funds will provide economic relief to airports in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FAA will distribute these grants under the new Airport Rescue Grant Program (ARGP).

Fullerton Municipal Airport is eligible to receive up to \$59,000 to apply towards costs related to airport operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport and debt service payments. The City will appropriate funds for maintenance and airport operations.

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) (Public Law 116-260), signed into law on December 27, 2020, includes nearly \$2 billion in funds to award as economic relief to eligible U.S. airports and eligible concessions at those airports to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus disease pandemic.

The Federal Aviation Administration established the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program to distribute these funds. The FAA will make grants to all airports in the national airport system, including all commercial service airports, all reliever airports and some public-owned general aviation airports.

Fullerton Municipal Airport is eligible for \$57,162 from this grant program, with \$23,000 available for use in funding for costs related to airport operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport and debt service payments. The airport may use \$34,162 of additional funding for lawful expenses that support operations at FAA Contract Towers as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47124.

Staff will utilize these funds to replace the aging Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) units that serve the air traffic control tower owned by the City of Fullerton. Staff will follow all City procurement protocols for this upgrade and make all arrangements to accept the funding and appropriate accordingly, including grant drawdowns and closeout paperwork.