



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 24, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: AIRPORT DIRECTOR WILLIAMS

SUBJECT: FAA Airport Rescue Grant Program (ARGP)

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires City Council acceptance and authorized individual signature of offer.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends City Council authorize acceptance of a \$59,000.00 Federal Aviation Administration grant to assist airport sponsors to address the COVID-19 public health emergency.

DISCUSSION:

On June 24, 2021, Airport staff submitted an Airport Rescue grant application for federal funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. The requested funds would be used for purposes directly related to the Municipal Airport's operational expenses in accordance with the limitations of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act, Public Law 117-2).

These funds will assist the airport to address the COVID-19 public health emergency. The FAA distributes these grants under the new Airport Coronavirus Rescue Grant Program (ARGP). Watsonville Municipal Airport has applied for and been granted \$59,000 for reimbursement of costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning sanitization, PPE for combating the spread of pathogens at the airport. While this funding is similar to the CARES funding, it is more limited in scope.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

City Council authorization of acceptance of this grant is consistent with the "Efficient and High Performing Government" goals and objectives outlined in the City's Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Accepting the Airport Rescue Grant will offset expenses previously incurred by the Municipal Airport's enterprise fund.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The City Council may choose not to authorize accept the grant from the FAA.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES:

- 1) Airport Rescue Grant Offer