

Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1967, Agenda Item #: 3.

5/7/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing acceptance of grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of Homeland Security, and other federal and state agencies offered to the City of Austin Department of Aviation for Austin-Bergstrom International Airport for Fiscal Years 2019-2021 in an amount not to exceed \$120,000,000.

Lead Department

Aviation Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact. The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.

Prior Council Action: Council previously approved \$30,000,000 on January 23, 2020

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Approval of this resolution allows the City Manager, the Executive Director of the Department of Aviation, or their designee to execute grants offered by the Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Homeland Security, and other federal and state agencies to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport during Fiscal Years 2019-2021. This Resolution will allow the City to be in a position to quickly accept and execute grant offers as they are made available.

Grants, as they may become available, would fund expenses related to COVID-19, terminal area improvements, noise mitigation, airfield improvements, and security related projects at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. Grants may also reimburse operating expenses, debt service, or any expenses that would be lawfully paid with Airport Revenue Funds. They are in addition to normal FAA Airport Improvement Program and other federal grants. And they reduce the need to utilize airport-generated capital.

The grants will be used for projects approved in either the Aviation Department's Capital or Operating Budgets for Fiscal Years 2019-2021. Grant funds will be placed in one or more of the following funds: the Airport Capital Fund, the ABIA Improvement Funds, Debt Service Fund, or the ABIA Operating Fund.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility.