



City Council Report

Date: May 3, 2021

To: City Council

Through: Scott Butler, Deputy City Manager

From: Corinne Nystrom, Airport Director

Subject: Falcon Field Airport – FAA Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)
City Council District No. 5

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution, which authorizes the City Manager, or his designated representative, to execute a Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) Grant Agreement between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the City of Mesa (City). The Grant Agreement will help fund the reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred by Falcon Field Airport during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Background

On February 12, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) was signed by the federal government in response to the global impact of the COVID-19 virus pandemic. The Act includes funding for airports based upon their classification in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). All public use airports are considered to be essential services and have been required to remain open during the pandemic. The purpose of the grant is to help maintain safe and efficient airport operations and to help offset the costs of continuing to operate airports with potentially diminished revenues.

Discussion

Grant funds may only be used for purposes directly related to the airport. This includes reimbursement for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, and combating the spread of pathogens at the airport.

Community Impact

There is no anticipated impact to the neighboring community.

Alternatives

The first alternative is to decline the FAA's grant offer and not execute the Grant Agreement. In this case, the City would forfeit the funds offered through the Grant. The recommended alternative is to accept and approve the Resolution and authorize the City Manager, or his designated representative, to sign the Grant Agreement.

Fiscal Impact

The maximum amount available under the Grant is \$23,000. The City is not required to provide any local matching funds. Funds would be sent by the FAA to the City following receipt and approval of invoices for eligible expenses.

Coordinated With

Airport staff will coordinate with City Finance to ensure that grant reimbursements are applied towards allowable expenditures.