

City Council Agenda Memo

From: DJ Buthe, Public Works Director

Council Meeting: July 13, 2021

Subject: Resolution 21-057: Documents for an Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) Grant for the Brookings Municipal Airport

Person(s) Responsible: Matt Sommerfeld, Airport Manager

Summary:

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to sign documents for an Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) Grant. The Brookings Airport is eligible to receive \$13,000 in federal grant funds from the ACRGP.

Background:

Congress passed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA), signed into law on December 27, 2020, which includes nearly \$2 billion in funds to be awarded as economic relief to eligible U.S. airports and eligible concessions at those airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To distribute these funds, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has established the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP). The FAA will make grants to all airports that are part of the national airport system, including all commercial service airports, all reliever airports, and some public-owned general aviation airports.

Item Details:

The South Dakota Secretary of Transportation has announced the Brookings Airport is eligible for funds under the ACRGP. The funds will assist airports and address the funding issues from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The funds may be used for operational expenses, personnel, or development. The Brookings Airport is eligible to receive \$13,000 of ACRGP.

Legal Consideration:

None.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

Fiscal Responsibility – financial transparency, service delivery, service level, outside agency funding.

Acceptance of this grant will provide alternative funding necessary for the operation of the municipal airport.

Financial Consideration:

The City will receive \$13,000 to reimburse for operational, personnel or development expenses related to COVID-19. This grant was unbudgeted as it was not anticipated during the 2021 budget process.

Options and Recommendation:

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a work session
5. Do nothing

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

Supporting Documentation:

Resolution