

# City Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Matthew Sommerfeld - Airport Manager

**Council Meeting:** September 28, 2021

**Subject:** Resolution 21-074: Documents for an American Rescue (ARG) Grant for the Brookings Regional Airport

**Person(s) Responsible:** Matthew Sommerfeld, Airport Manager

## **Summary:**

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to sign documents for an American Rescue (ARG) Grant. The Brookings Airport is eligible to receive \$32,000 in federal grant funds from the ARG.

## **Background:**

Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and signed into law on March 11, 2021, which includes nearly \$8 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 American Rescue Grant (ARG). The FAA will make grants to all airports which are part of the National Airport System, including all commercial service airports, all reliever airports, and general aviation airports.

## **Item Details:**

The South Dakota Secretary of Transportation has announced the Brookings Airport is eligible for funds under the ARG. 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 \$32,000 in ARG funds.

## **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 \$32,000 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