



CITY OF SALINAS

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, AIRPORT DIVISION

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TITLE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) (PUBLIC LAW 117-2)
GRANT FUNDING FOR THE SALINAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to approve a Resolution for the application and acceptance of a grant funding from the Federal Aviation Administration by way of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Public Law 117-2) for the Salinas Municipal Airport.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a Resolution for the application and acceptance of grant funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) by way of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Public Law 117-2) for the Salinas Municipal Airport.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Public Law 117-2), signed into law on March 11, 2021, 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 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. These funds will be used to offset costs associated with City Staff's time in cleaning and sanitizing areas of the airport to combat the spread of pathogens. On June 22, 2021, the Secretary of Transportation announced the Salinas Municipal Airport was awarded \$59,000.00.

BACKGROUND:

The [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 \(H.R. 1319, Public Law 117-2\)](#), signed into law by the President on March 11, 2021, includes \$8 billion in funds to be awarded as economic assistance to eligible U.S. airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

To distribute these funds, the FAA has established the Airport Rescue Grants. 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.

Under Airport Rescue Grants:

- Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants awarded this year will be awarded at a 100-percent Federal share.

These funds will provide economic relief to airports around the country affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The FAA intends to implement this program quickly to support the economic recovery of the national airport system.

The Salinas Municipal Airport was awarded \$59,000.00. The ARPA funding includes restrictions on use. The City of Salinas qualified for the following funding:

1. General: Funding for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments.

The Airport Division anticipates using the General Grant Funds to offset costs associated with City Staff's time in cleaning and sanitizing areas of the airport to combat the spread of pathogens.

At the August 5, 2021 Airport Commission meeting, the Airport Commission recommended City Council approve Resolution accepting the ARPA funding and that the City Manager (or their authorized designee) be authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Salinas all required documentation with respect to the application for and the acceptance the funds, including change orders.

CEQA/NEPA CONSIDERATION:

CEQA:

The City of Salinas has determined that the project is exempt (Categorical Exemption – CATEX) from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15300, Class 1).

NEPA:

Because the City is accepting federal funds, this action is subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The City of Salinas has determined this action is exempt (Categorical Exemption – CATEX) pursuant to FAA Order 1050.1E paragraph 310e.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The project complements the City Council's Goals for Excellent Infrastructure, and Economic Diversity and Prosperity.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

There will be no impact to the City's General Fund. Acceptance of the funds do not require grant matching funds. Expenditure and auditing is subject to Federal Law.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION

Approval and execution of the grant will require City Attorney review as to form and the City Manager's approval. The Finance Department will administer fund allocation, status reports, and grant close out documentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Applications for Federal Assistance SF-424

Federal Aviation Administration Airport Rescue Grants Frequently Asked Questions