



CITY OF SALINAS

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, AIRPORT DIVISION

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TITLE: CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ACT (CRRSAA) (PUBLIC LAW 116-260) GRANT FUNDING FOR THE SALINAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution for the application and acceptance of a grant funding from the Federal Aviation Administration by way of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) (Public Law 116-260) 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 by way of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) (Public Law 116-260) for the Salinas Municipal Airport.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) (Public Law 116-260), signed into law on December 27, 2020, 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 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 and to support lawful expenses related to the operation of the Airport Contract Control Tower.

BACKGROUND:

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.

As announced by the Secretary of Transportation on February 12, 2021, the City of Salinas, Salinas Municipal Airport is eligible for funds under the CRRSA. These funds will assist the airport in addressing the COVID-19 public health emergency. The FAA will distribute these grants under the new Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP).

There are two types of funding included in CRRSA with different restrictions on use. The City of Salinas qualified for two types of 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.
2. Contract Tower: Funding to cover lawful expenses to support FAA contract tower operations. This type of funding is provided to sponsors of non-primary airports participating in the FAA Contract Tower Program and can only be used to support the contract tower.

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. Additionally, the Contract Tower Grant Funding will be used to rehabilitate the Contract Tower's access control gate.

At the March 25, 2021 Airport Commission meeting, the Airport Commission recommended City Council approve Resolution accepting the CRSSA 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 Investment Strategies/Risk Management, and New Revenue.

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 Coronavirus Response Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions