



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. BF
1/2/2024

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Joint Resolution with the Oklahoma City Airport Trust authorizing the Director of Airports to submit grant applications for Wiley Post Airport to the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Terminal Program and Federal Contract Tower Program "Construct New Air Traffic Control Tower" and for the Airport Improvement Program "Terminal Apron Pavement Rehabilitation" and agreeing to the acceptance and compliance with all required understandings and grant assurances for the projects; acknowledging this Joint Resolution as their official action and acceptance of the applicable grant(s) if offered by the Federal Aviation Administration under such substantially similar terms described herein; designating each entity's respective Official Representatives and authorizing the Official Representatives to administer and electronically execute the applicable grant documents on behalf of each respective entity without further action by either entity; and the Trust authorizes the payment of Trust funds for the payment of the required Local Matches and any other project costs not funded by the applicable grant programs. Ward 3.

Background:

The Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") makes various grant programs available to airports each federal fiscal year ("FFY"). The Airport Improvement Program ("AIP") are traditionally entitlement grants that are pre-determined in advance of award. AIP grants are for long-term airport development, improvement, and certain types of equipment purchases. Generally, AIP grants for small hub and unclassified airports, such as Wiley Post Airport ("WPA"), are funded up to 90% of the allowable cost and the sponsor of the grant must contribute a local match to cover any remaining allowable costs not funded by the federal grant and for 100% of any non-allowable costs for portions of a project that are not eligible for grant funding.

Three other grant programs offered by the FAA that were created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law ("BIL") include the Airport Terminal Program ("ATP"), and the FAA Federal Contract Tower ("FCT"). The purpose of the ATP is to offer competitive grants to eligible airports for terminal development projects, and relocating, repairing, or improving airport-owned control towers. The purpose of the FCT Program is to repair, improve, or replace a Federal Contract Tower, or to acquire air traffic control equipment. FAA can fund ATP grants up to 95% and FCT grants at 100% of the allowable cost of the project.

The Oklahoma City Airport Trust ("Trust") plans to make application for the projects listed in EXHIBIT "A" to the Resolution for the various grant programs. The Trust is the leading sponsor of the grants and provides the local match, but the FAA also requires The City of Oklahoma City

(“City”) to be a co-sponsor to any grants offered since the City maintains a reversionary interest in the Trust.

The FAA encourages all sponsors to have advanced authorization in place to permit the application, signing, and acceptance of anticipated grant agreements because FAA frequently imposes short times in which to apply, sign, or accept the grant offerings.

In this Joint Resolution, the Trust authorizes the Director of Airports to make an application for WPA to the FAA for AIP, ATP, and FCT grant funding to include all understandings and assurances contained therein for the project(s) and acknowledges the Joint Resolution as the Trust’s official action to accept the grant when offered, if the grants are offered under substantially similar terms described herein when offered by the FAA. The Joint Resolution also designates the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, or General Manager in both of their absence, as the Official Representatives to administer and electronically execute the grant documents on behalf of each respective entity without further action by either entity. The Trust authorizes the payment of Trust funds for the payment of the required Local Match and any project costs not funded by the applicable grant program(s).

Likewise, the City authorizes the Director of Airports to make application for WPA to the FAA for AIP, ATP, and FCT grant funding and acknowledges the Joint Resolution as the City’s official action to accept the grant when offered, if the grants are offered under substantially similar terms described herein when offered by the FAA. Further, the Joint Resolution designates the Mayor or Vice-Mayor as the Official Representative to administer and electronically execute the grant documents on behalf of each respective entity without further action by either entity. No City funds will be used for project costs.

Estimated Cost:

Estimated Grant & Local Match Total: \$14,904,243*

*See Resolution EXHIBIT “A” for project and cost details

Revenue:

To be deposited in OCAT-Project Account-AT Project Fund (510-0600-44702000)

Source of Funds:

Local matching funds from Oklahoma City Airport Trust – Project Account (510-0600)

Review:

Department of Airports

Recommendation: Joint Resolution be adopted.