



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. BN
11/22/2022

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 a Grant Application competing for discretionary funding for the Wiley Post Airport 2023 Airport Infrastructure Grant Funds for the Federal Aviation Administration Contract Tower Competitive Grant Program Project No. (To Be Assigned) "Design New Air Traffic Control Tower" to the Federal Aviation Administration and in so doing, they agree to comply with all required grant assurances for the project; acknowledging this Joint Resolution as the official instrument for acceptance of the Trust and City to accept the grant(s) if offered under substantially similar terms as contained in the application; designating the Trust's Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the City's Mayor or Vice-Mayor as each entity's respective Official Representatives and authorizing them to administer and electronically execute the grant documents when provided by the Federal Aviation Administration without further action by either entity. Ward 1.

Background:

The Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced on November 3, 2022, the opportunity to apply for approximately \$20 million in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 discretionary funds for the newly established FAA Contract Tower (FCT) competitive grant, made available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), Pub. L. 117-58, herein referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The purpose of the FCT is to offer competitive grants to eligible airports for airport-owned airport traffic control tower (ATCT) projects that address the aging infrastructure of the nation's airports. The purpose of FCT is to make annual grants available to eligible airports for ATCT projects that sustain, construct, repair, improve, rehabilitate, modernize, replace or relocate nonapproach control towers. The Federal cost share of the FCT Competitive Grant Program is 100 percent for all airports eligible to receive grants.

The FAA also requires The City of Oklahoma City (City) to be a co-sponsor to any grants offered and funded by the Trust and encourages sponsors to have in place an adopted resolution or similar action to permit the application, signing, and acceptance of anticipated grant agreements upon receipt, due to short suspense times frequently imposed by the FAA.

Justification:

The Trust intends to apply for FAA's FCT grant funds available for "Design New Air Traffic Control Tower", an airport-owned airport traffic control tower project at Wiley Post Airport, (project number to be assigned). The Trust will be competing for the award against other airports

with eligible projects. If the Airport is not awarded FCT funding to design a new air traffic control tower, the project will not be fully designed. The Trust's project has not been bid, but the project's preliminary estimated design cost is \$2,000,000 with no local match required.

In this Joint Resolution, the Trust authorizes the Director of Airports to make application for FCT grant funding from the FAA to include all understanding and assurances contained therein for the project at Wiley Post Airport and acknowledges the Joint Resolution as the Trust's official action. Further, the Trust agrees to accept the grant if offered under substantially similar terms described herein when offered by the FAA and designates the Chairman or Vice-Chairman as the Official Representative to administer and electronically execute the grant documents upon receipt.

Likewise, the City authorizes the Director of Airports to make application for FCT grant funding from the FAA and acknowledges the Joint Resolution as the City's official action. Further, the City agrees to accept the grant when offered by the FAA if offered under substantially similar terms described herein when offered by the FAA and designates the Mayor or Vice-Mayor as the Official Representative to administer and electronically sign the grant documents upon receipt.

Revenue:

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

Review:

Department of Airports

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.