

October 22, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant for Lunken Airport**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$73,685 from the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) Airport Improvement Grant program to aid in the development of the Lunken Airport drainage infrastructure plan; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit grant funds into General Government Grants Fund revenue account no. 404x8534, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. 26DRN1, “Ohio Airport Improvement Grant 2026”; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to do all things necessary to cooperate with the Director of ODOT to complete this project.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the following:

1. the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$73,685 from the ODOT Airport Improvement Program Grant program to aid in the development of the Lunken Airport drainage infrastructure plan; and
2. the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into General Government Grants Fund revenue account no. 404x8534, Department of Transportation and Engineering project account no. 26DRN1, “Ohio Airport Improvement Grant 2026”.

The Lunken Airport (“Lunken”) drainage infrastructure plan is required to identify drainage deficiencies and proposed drainage project solutions to meet the airport master plan goals and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. The Lunken drainage infrastructure plan will also include timelines, anticipated capital improvement budget needs, and potential permitting challenges. Planning for future airport growth must accommodate drainage needs while minimizing adverse impacts to adjacent landowners and environments or potentially dangerous conditions at Lunken.

The Airport Improvement Program Grant does not require matching resources or new FTEs/full time equivalents.

Developing a drainage infrastructure plan for Lunken is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “[d]evelop a regional transportation system that promotes economic

vitality” as described on page 139 of Plan Cincinnati (2012)

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to apply for and accept the grant resources to meet applicable deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director  
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

