

March 10, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

SMC per PBM

202100927

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Lunken Airport CARES Act Airport Grant

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to apply for and accept a grant of up to \$91,162 from the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration through the recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Airport Grant program for the purpose of offsetting losses in revenue at Lunken Airport due to COVID-19 and a need to defray various costs associated with operating Lunken Airport; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to receive and deposit the grant funds into General Aviation Fund revenue account no. 104x8559; and further **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager do all things necessary to execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these grant resources.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept grant resources in an amount up to \$91,162 from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act Airport Grant program. These resources would offset reductions in revenue resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This Emergency Ordinance also authorizes the Finance Director to deposit the grant resources into General Aviation Fund 104 account no. 104x8559.

Lunken Airport is classified as a General Aviation Airport and is eligible to apply for and receive a grant in an amount up to \$91,162 through the CARES Act Airport Grants Program. Acceptance of this grant would provide resources to offset losses in revenue at Lunken Airport due to COVID-19 and to defray costs associated with operating Lunken Airport.

No additional FTE are associated with these grants; and no local matching resources are required to accept this grant.

This grant is in accordance with the “Connect” goal to “develop an efficient multi-modal transportation system that supports neighborhood livability,” and the strategies to “expand options for non-automotive travel,” and to “plan, design, and implement a safe and sustainable transportation system,” as described on pages 127-138 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept these grant resources within the timeframe established by the USDOT and the FAA.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

