

May 20, 2026

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager 202601586

Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – DOTE: Lunken Airport Runway Direct Program Grant**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 984x234x262359, “Lunken Runway ODOT FY27 Direct Grant,” to provide resources for pavement improvements on runway 07/25 at Lunken Airport; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$750,000 from Ohio Department of Transportation to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 984x234x262359, “Lunken Runway ODOT FY27 Direct Grant;” and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the grant resources into newly established capital improvement program project account no. 984x234x262359, “Lunken Runway ODOT FY27 Direct Grant.”

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate a grant of up to \$750,000 awarded through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 984x234x262359, “Lunken Runway ODOT FY27 Direct Grant,” to provide resources for pavement improvements on runway 07/25 at Lunken Airport.

The City intends to apply for the grant by the deadline of June 1, 2026, but no funds will be accepted without the approval of the City Council.

The grant requires matching resources of up to \$39,474, which will be provided from existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x234x222352, “FAA/ODOT Local Match.” There are no new FTEs/full time equivalents associated with this grant.

Improving the pavement on runway 07/25 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, if awarded, accept the grant by the applicable deadlines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



Attachment