



Date: August 15, 2022

To: Wanda S. Page, City Manager
Through: Karmisha R. Wallace, Chief of Staff
From: Ronald Jewett, Vice President of Facilities Asset Management
Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority
Subject: U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration -
Airport Improvement Grant Program (Grant Offer 3-37-0056-061-2022)

Executive Summary

In accordance with the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), established by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority (RDUAA) is in receipt of a grant offer in the amount of \$1,387,279. The FAA requires the City of Durham, the City of Raleigh, and the Counties of Durham and Wake to approve RDUAA's receipt of the grant. The grant must be executed, along with the attorney's certification, no later than September 15, 2022 for the grant to be valid.

Motion

To approve the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority's acceptance of a grant offer in the amount of \$1,387,279 from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program {Grant Offer 3-37-0056-061-2022}; and

To authorize the City Manager to execute the associated Grant Agreement.

Background

The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies — and in some cases, to private owners and entities — for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), which includes Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

The grants are used to strengthen the nation's aviation infrastructure. The AIP grant program funds airport infrastructure projects such as runways, taxiways, airport signage, airport lighting, airfield markings, and other related infrastructure. Funding is also available for purchasing property, specialized equipment, or specific vehicles.

Airports are entitled to a certain amount of AIP funding each year based on passenger volume. If the airport's capital project needs exceed its available entitlement funds, the FAA may supplement their entitlements with discretionary funding. This grant is comprised entirely of discretionary funds. These funds will provide full reimbursement to the RDUAA for two (2) zero emissions electric shuttle buses.

Issues and Analysis

The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority (RDUAA) submitted an application to the FAA on May 9, 2022, for funds to purchase two (2) zero emissions electric shuttle buses. The FAA has approved the application for a grant offer in the amount of \$1,387,279. The FAA will pay 100% of the allowable costs incurred in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

The RDUAA Board approved acceptance of the grant on July 21, 2022. Additionally, the FAA requires the City of Durham, the City of Raleigh, and the Counties of Durham and Wake to also approve acceptance of the grant. The Grant Agreement must be executed no later than September 15, 2022.

Alternatives

City Council could choose to not approve RDUAA's acceptance of this grant, in which case, RDUAA would not be able to receive these AIP funds from the FAA.

Financial Impact

There would be no financial impact to the City of Durham if the City Council approves RDUAA's acceptance of this grant. These grant funds will be disbursed from the FAA directly to the RDUAA.

Equal Business Opportunity Summary

This is a grant offer to the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority. It was not reviewed by the Finance Department for compliance with the Ordinance to Promote Equal Business Opportunities in City Contracting.

Contractor Workforce Diversity & Hiring Practices

Due to the nature of this agenda item, obtaining Contractor Workforce Diversity & Hiring Practices information is not applicable.

Attachments

1. Transmittal Letter from Ronald Jewett, VP Facilities Asset Management, RDUAA
2. Transmittal Letter from Tommy Dupree, Manager, Memphis Airports District Office, with AIP Grant Agreement 3-37-0056-061-2022