



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Aviation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Jesus H. Saenz Jr.

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Federal Aviation Administration Airport Infrastructure Grant & Non-Primary Entitlement Funds

**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance, upon award, of grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) Program in the amount \$1,171,000.00 which includes \$450,000.00 of Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) funds, with a cash match of \$670,677.00 for a total of \$1,841,677.00. Funding for the cash match is available from Interim Airport Financing.

This award will fund a portion of the design and install of the Stinson Runway 09/27 Sealant and Threshold Failure Repair project at Stinson Municipal Airport. Funding for the City's share is available from Interim Airport Financing.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

As part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Program provides funding for primary and non-primary airports. Funds can be invested in runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport transit connections, and roadway projects.

The AIG program distributes formula funding based on the statutory Airport Improvement Program primary and cargo entitlement formulas. These amounts will change each fiscal year based on increased passenger and cargo enplanements. Funding for the program was anticipated over five years, starting in FY 2022.

Non-primary entitlement (NPE) funds are a yearly allocation of money for non-primary airports. States receive a state apportionment entitlement from the FAA that can be used for maintenance, revenue-producing projects, and other eligible expenses for non-primary airports. NPE funds are managed and distributed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Since FY 2022, the City has been awarded \$23,794,427 in AIG funds for infrastructure projects at the San Antonio International Airport and Stinson Municipal Airport.

### **ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the City to accept, upon award, FAA AIG program funds to support work at Stinson Municipal Airport.

#### **Stinson Runway 09/27 Sealant and Threshold Failure Repair**

This project designed and installed Seal Coat and Airfield Pavement Markings to Runway 09/27 and repaired threshold pavement failure at Stinson Municipal Airport. Airfield pavements, like roadways for vehicles, require periodic maintenance to mitigate wear due to heavy use by aircraft. The rehabilitation includes the repair of the runway asphalt pavement section and airfield pavement markings installation in accordance with FAA specifications. This construction contract was awarded to Maxwell Asphalt, Inc. on October 19, 2023 (Ordinance # 2023-10-19-0753). Construction administration was overseen by RS&H/Foster and construction material testing was conducted by Raba Kistner.

This action is consistent with the City Council's policy of improving facilities, improving land uses, and enhancing safety at Stinson Municipal Airport and maximizing utilization of federal funds.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could choose to not approve this item. However, participation in the FAA AIG Program will allow the City to use federal funding rather than solely airport funding for projects that will improve infrastructure at the San Antonio International Airport and Stinson Municipal Airport. Additionally, the failure to accept could potentially affect the City's ability to receive future FAA grant funding for additional safety and infrastructure projects.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance upon award of grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) Program in the amount of \$1,171,000.00 which includes \$450,000.00 of Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) funds, with a cash match of \$670,677.00 for a total of \$1,841,677.00. Funding for the cash match is available from Interim Airport Financing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the acceptance, upon award, of grant funds for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) Program.