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DEPARTMENT: Aviation Department

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Grants Program Overview

SUMMARY:

The City regularly partners with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation for grant funding for airfield, safety, environmental and capacity projects at the San Antonio International Airport and Stinson Municipal Airport. Aviation Department Grants Manager Melissa Rivers will provide the Airport Advisory Commission members with information on the various grant programs that the San Antonio Airport System participates in and the recent grant applications approved by City Council on June 15, 2023.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City regularly partners the Federal Aviation Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation for grant funding for infrastructure projects at both airports within the San Antonio Airport System.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

- *Airport Improvement Program (AIP)*: Each year, the San Antonio Airport System works with the FAA to develop an Airport Capital Improvement Plan which identifies priority projects to be funded. Eligible projects include those improvements related to enhancing airport safety, capacity, security, and environmental concerns. Projects can receive grant funding of up to 75% of eligible project costs with the City providing the remaining 25%.

On November 15, 2021, the President signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which created two, five-year grant programs for commercial airports:

- *Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Program*: This program, which commenced in 2022, will distribute formula-funding based on statutory AIP primary and cargo entitlement formulas annually over a five-year period. The money can be invested in runways, taxiways, safety and sustainability projects, as well as terminal, airport-transit connections and roadway projects. The FAA provides up to 75% of eligible costs with the City providing its 25% share. In its first year, San Antonio International Airport was awarded \$8.1 million for three projects.
- *Airport Terminal Program (ATP)*: This program, which commenced in 2022, requires airports to competitively compete for grant funds for terminal development projects that address the aging air infrastructure. The FAA provides up to 80% of eligible costs with the City providing its 25% share. This year, the San Antonio International Airport was awarded \$20 million for one project.

Texas Department of Transportation

The Aviation Division of TXDOT participates in the FAA State Block Grant Program, through which it implements a federal improvement program for general aviation airports such as Stinson Municipal Airport. The state agency and City work together to identify projects to enhance airport safety, capacity, security and environmental concerns at Stinson Municipal Airport

- *Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP)*: This program is an annual program that is administered by TXDOT and matches local government grants up to \$50,000 for basic airside and landside improvements.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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