

ITEM #: 11
DATE: 08-10-21

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (AIRPORT RESCUE GRANT)

BACKGROUND:

On July 22, 2021, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) sent the City a grant agreement for The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). ARPA includes \$8 billion in funds to be awarded nationally as economic assistance to eligible U.S. airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. To distribute these funds, the FAA has established the Airport Rescue Grants.

Under the proposed agreement, **Ames will receive up to a maximum of \$59,000** to assist with operational and maintenance expenses incurred after January 20, 2020, for the next four years (1,460 calendar days). **These funds do not have a local match requirement.**

Staff is planning to use this grant to replace several obsolete T-Hangar doors as part of a larger T-Hangar door replacement project to repair damage from the 2020 Derecho, which is being paid by a combination of insurance and FEMA funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the ARPA Grant agreement for the Ames Municipal Airport in the amount not to exceed \$59,000.
2. Reject the grant offer.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving the ARPA grant, the City will provide much-needed relief to the operational expenses at the Airport. The additional funding should significantly extend the usable life of the public facilities at the Airport.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.