

CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Crayton Brubaker, Community Development Specialist

DATE: September 27, 2022

SUBJECT: FY 2023 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – FAA Airport Terminals Program Grant Opportunity

Recommendation:

Accept this report and authorize the City Manager to apply for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport Terminals Program grant.

Background:

The City is eligible to apply for funding from the FAA's Airport Terminals Program. Authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Program provides funding for renovation, expansion, or construction of existing terminal facilities or construction of new facilities. Specifically, these grant funds can be used to fund projects that "will improve airfield safety through terminal relocation, replace aging facilities, increase capacity, encourage competition, improve energy efficiency (including LEED accreditation standards) and increase or improve access to passengers with disabilities and historically disadvantaged populations."

Of the \$1 billion allocated for the grant program, 10% (\$100 million) has been reserved for general aviation facilities like the Concord Municipal Airport. If successful, the FAA will fund 95% of the project total with a 5% match required.

Discussion

In April 2019, Jacobs Engineering Group completed the Airport Terminal Study. The Study inventoried existing terminal conditions, and provided design concepts for a new facility.

In the FY23 Capital Improvements Program, design for a new airport terminal building is slated for FY24 at \$230,000 and construction in FY26 at \$2.3 million.

On January 27, 2022, the City held an Airport Listening Session to get users' feedback about the Airport, including the existing terminal. It was the consensus of attendees that the City would pursue a new terminal building. On February 24, 2022 Airport Advisory Committee unanimously recommended that City Council authorize staff to apply for this grant program.

The City applied for the first round of Airport Terminal Grant funding in March 2022. However, that effort was not successful.

The current round of grant funding opened on September 22, 2022, and will close on October 24, 2022. Awards at tentatively scheduled to be announced in March 2023.

If successful, City staff will submit required resolutions to the City Council at a future date to accept and appropriate grant funds, as well as appropriate associated matching funds.