



CITY OF CONCORD
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Community Development Department

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Accept \$32,000 in Airport Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for operations and maintenance expenses at the Concord Municipal Airport

Recommendation

Accept this report.

Background

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2) (ARPA). Section 7102 of ARPA provides approximately \$8 billion in economic relief to airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including relief from rent and minimum annual guarantees (MAG) for eligible airport concessions at primary airports.

Funds are available until September 30, 2024, and must be obligated by that date. In April 2021, the City of Concord was informed that it was eligible to receive \$32,000 in ARPA funding for the general operations and maintenance of the Concord Municipal Airport for expenses incurred since January 20, 2020. There is no match requirement the accept these funds. The grant application was due to New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics (NHDOT) on September 1, 2021. These funds are administered by the NH Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics on behalf of the ARP act.

These funds supplement \$30,000 of CARES Act funding, which was received, expensed and was reimbursed in late 2020, as well as \$13,000 of CRRSA act funding the City received, expensed and was reimbursed for in March 2023.

Discussion

The City applied for these funds in September 2021 and has until January 25, 2026 to seek reimbursement for eligible expenses. It is anticipated that the City's funding request will be approved in April and receipt of funds scheduled in May 2024. The Airport will use these funds for repairs and maintenance, building supplies, general operational expenses and professional service expenses. Given these funds are a reimbursement for expenditures, no resolution is required to accept or appropriate the funds. Rather, these are a miscellaneous revenue to the Airport Fund.