



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of August 17, 2021  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of August 24, 2021

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**DATE:** August 17, 2021

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>American Rescue Plan Act</u></b> <b><u>(H.R.1319 Public Law 117-2) (ARPA)</u></b> <b>Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA)</b></p>
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### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance appropriating Airport Grant No. 65 for \$4,103,307 from the Federal Aviation Administration pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for costs related to operations, personnel, combating the spread of the Covid 19 virus at the airport, debt service payments, and other authorized ARPA uses at the Corpus Christi International Airport; and amending the FY 2020-2021 budget.

### **Summary:**

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of Airport Grant No. 65 for the amount \$4,103,307 from the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) American Rescue Plan Act for economic relief to eligible U.S. airports affected by the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The FAA will reimburse sponsors for operational expenses directly related to the airport incurred on or after January 20, 2020. Operational expenses are those expenses necessary to operate, maintain, and manage an airport. They include expenses such as payroll, utilities, service contracts, and items generally having a limited useful life, including personal protective equipment, and cleaning supplies.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

On March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Act includes \$8 Billion in funds to be awarded as economic assistance to eligible U.S. Airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This grant will assist City of Corpus Christi Aviation Department with COVID-19 pandemic expenditures, including for costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial

services, combating the spread of Covid 19 virus at the airport, debt service payments, or other uses that meet eligibility requirements. The FAA Regional Office will ensure that such development and use of the grant is consistent with all the recipient's prior Federal obligations, meets safety and security standards, meets National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), prevailing wage, Buy American, Veterans' Preference, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program requirements, and meets other specific requirements under the Act.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Accepting this grant will allow the City of Corpus Christi Aviation Department to recover expenditures for operating expenses and for airport related costs associated with combating the spread of pathogens at the airport. Alternative funding to recover these costs are currently not available.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding is available through acceptance and appropriation of Grant No. 65 for \$ \$4,103,307 through the Airport Grant Fund(s).

#### **FUNDING DETAIL:**

Funding details include:

Fund:	Airport Grant Fund (1055)
Mission Element:	274
Projects:	ARPA Grant
Account:	530000
Activity:	690065F
Amount:	\$4,103,307.00

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to appropriate grant totaling \$4,103,307.

#### **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Grant Letter and Agreement