



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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District B, District E, District I
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HAS - Authorization for the Mayor to accept grant offers up to \$85,000,000 for projects at IAH, HOU, and EFD

Agenda Item#: 128.

Background:

RECOMMENDATION:

Enact an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept grant offers up to \$85,000,000 for projects at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH), William P. Hobby Airport (HOU), and Ellington Airport (EFD).

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

Preliminary notification from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) indicates that the Houston Airport System's (HAS) allocated share of entitlement grant funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 is approximately \$9,750,000. FAA Entitlement grant funds may pay for Airfield, Taxiway, Runway Improvement Projects, and other eligible projects included in the Master Plans at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH), William P. Hobby Airport (HOU), and Ellington Airport (EFD).

The FAA has indicated a potential exists for additional discretionary funds to become available in this year's FAA disbursement of discretionary funds near the end of September 2018. Approval of this Ordinance to accept the Federal Fiscal Year 2018 discretionary grants in advance enables HAS to react quickly and take advantage of any FAA funding opportunities as they became available.

The projects to be funded by this year's FAA disbursement of discretionary funds are the Project 675 Rehabilitation of IAH Taxiway NA, Project 676 Noise Abatement, and various Voluntary Airport Low Emissions (VALE) Program projects, which might include pre-conditioned air equipment and power supplies.

The Airport Division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has indicated there is \$25,000 available in grant funding for EFD. These funds will be used to rehabilitate pavement and improve other facilities at EFD.

During the most recent federal fiscal year, HAS received grant awards totaling \$26,737,937.

Approval of this Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to accept grant offers for the City quickly, assuring that grant opportunities are not lost. Therefore, HAS is requesting authorization for the Mayor to accept grant offers in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$85,000,000.

Director's Signature:

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Mario C. Diaz
Houston Airport System

Amount of Funding:

REVENUE: Airport Improvement Program Grants

\$36,475,000	FAA
\$48,500,000	Department of Homeland Security
\$ 25,000	TXDOT
\$85,000,000	TOTAL

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