



CITY of BRIDGEPORT
SIKORSKY
MEMORIAL AIRPORT



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Cares Act Grant Application Intent for Airport Commission Approval

Grant Amount: \$157,000

Summary: Airport sponsors are eligible for financial support under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R. 748, Public Law 116-136).

Options: CARES Act Airport Grant funds can be used for airport capital projects and/or operating expenses such as payroll or utilities. Examples of expenditures that FAA has found to be allowable are provided in the [FAA Revenue Use Policy](#).

Local Match or Repayment Terms: There is no local match. Funds under the CARES Act are available at a 100% Federal share.

Acceptance Requirements: The standard FAA Airport Sponsor Grant Assurances do not apply. The CARES Act Airport Grants for operational expenses remain subject to audit, reporting, records retention, and other requirements under 2 CFR part 200 like other Federal grant funding. Some laws outside of 49 U.S.C. chapter 471 also apply, such as 49 U.S.C. 40103(e), which prohibits the grant of an exclusive right to conduct any type of aeronautical activity at an airport, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin. If an airport sponsor uses its CARES Act Airport Grant for new airport development, projects must be consistent with all of the recipient's prior Federal obligations, meet safety and security standards, meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), prevailing wage, Buy American, Veterans' Preference, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program requirements, and meet other specific requirements for new airport development under the CARES Act. The CARES Act does not void assurances made in prior grant agreements; therefore, a sponsor's preexisting grant assurances and Federal obligations continue to apply.

Airport Manager's Recommendation: It is recommended that the Airport Commission consider and agree the grant funds, when offered by FAA, will be used for one of the following purposes:

- 1-Help fund necessary repairs to the recently damaged Engineering Materials Arresting System (EMAS) if determined eligible by the FAA;
- 2-Help fund critical airfield maintenance and security expenses, such as airfield painting equipment/supplies, improved wildlife fencing, and security camera upgrades;
- 3-Offset personnel salary or other operational expenses.



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Next Steps Following Airport Commission Approval: The Airport must follow the FAA process for requesting/receiving the funds, await an offer from the FAA, and submit to the City Council for approval and acceptance of the grant via the standard process.

Additional CARES Act Airport Grant Fund Information:

<https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr748/BILLS-116hr748enr.pdf>

https://www.faa.gov/airports/cares_act/media/cares-act-airport-grants-presentation.pdf

https://www.faa.gov/airports/cares_act/media/cares-act-airport-grants-fags.pdf