

**AVIATION BOARD BACKGROUND LETTER**

**Aviation Board Meeting Date:** July 19, 2021

**To:** Chair Richmond and Aviation Board Members

**Cc:** Mitch Reynolds, Mayor

**From:** Ian Turner, Airport Director

**Subject:** 21-1009 – Resolution authorizing the La Crosse Regional Airport to accept Federal funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act for eligible concessionaires

**Summary:**

In May of 2021, the La Crosse Regional Airport received an Airport Coronavirus Response Grant award under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act. Part of the act included dedicated funding to on-airport concessionaires. This resolution, if approved, accepts the allocated funds to the La Crosse Regional Airport totaling \$20,790.

**Previous Action:**

The base grant of Airport Coronavirus Response Grant funding was accepted through Resolution 21-0710.

**Background:**

Congress appropriated \$2 billion in funding in December of 2020 that was dedicated for economic relief at eligible airports, and for eligible concessionaires, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic. Out of the funding allotted, \$200 million was allocated to eligible concessionaires. The La Crosse Regional Airport's share is \$20,790.

This funding must be distributed in a proportional manner based on the share of total annual rent and minimum annual guarantees paid to the airport. A proposed methodology is under development and will be presented to the Aviation Board at a future date for approval. Funding will be granted to concessionaires as a credit against future rent due, and such credit will be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for reimbursement.



**Financial Implications:**

There is no financial impact to the La Crosse Regional Airport operating budget beyond staff time.

**Stakeholder Process:**

The grant amendment is presented to the Aviation Board. The methodology for proportionally distributing the money will be discussed with each concessionaire, should they so choose to provide input.

**Alternatives:**

This funding could be turned down. If such a decision is made, the funding will be reallocated to other airports by the Federal Aviation Administration.

**Staff Recommendation:**

It is the recommendation of staff to accept this funding.

**Attachments:**

ACRGP Grant Agreement – Concessions Addendum

