



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number: 2023-828**

**Agenda Date:** September 7, 2023

**Department:** Sustainable Development

**Title: 2023-828 Acceptance of an FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant for the Gainesville Regional Airport (B)**

**Department:** Sustainable Development

**Description:** Requesting City Commission approval to accept a \$3,473,235.69 Airport Improvement Program grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration for the Replacement of the Terminal Central Energy Plant and the Terminal Baggage Handling System Phase 1 – Baggage Handling Protective Canopy System projects at Gainesville Regional Airport.

**Fiscal Note:** The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Aviation Improvement Program grant will fund 78.47% of the project and the remaining portion will be funded by the Federal Department of Transportation and the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority. These projects qualify for Passenger Facility Charge, and funding from this source will be used to cover a portion of Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority's funding of these projects. The grant does not require a local match and the Gainesville Regional Airport implements the proceeds of the grant consistent with all applicable grant assurances as outlined in the Airport CEO's letter dated August 8, 2023.

**Explanation:** The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority (GACRAA) received an offer from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for FAA Airport Improvement Grant No. 3-12-0028-055-2023 in an amount of up to \$3,473,235.69 for the Replace the Terminal Central Energy Plant and the Terminal Baggage Handling System Phase 1 – Baggage Handling Protective Canopy System projects at Gainesville Regional Airport.

Because the City of Gainesville retains title to the land upon which Gainesville Regional Airport operates, the City of Gainesville, in addition to GACRAA, must formally accept

all federal grant offers. GACRAA on August 24, 2023, adopted Resolution No. 23-023, which accepted and authorized execution of the anticipated grant offer.

**Strategic Connection:**

- ☐ Goal 1: Equitable Community
- ☐ Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- ☒ Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- ☐ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** The City Commission 1) accept the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration grant award of \$3,473,235.69 for the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority, 2) adopt the resolution, and 3) authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to execute and the City Clerk to certify said Grant Agreement.