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## HUERFANO COUNTY GOVERNMENT GRANT APPROVAL MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 17, 2023  
**To:** Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Carl Young, County Administrator  
**Re:** FAA Airport Improvement Program Supplemental Discretionary Grants  
**Attachments:** **Application**

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**Summary:** This is a request to approve the application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) within the US Department of Transportation to rehabilitate signage and electrical along Runway 9/27 at the Spanish Peaks Regional Airport (4V1). The total project will cost \$353,332.67. We expect to receive \$318,000 from the FAA and \$17,666 from CDOT Aeronautics. The County would be expected to contribute \$17,666.67.

### **Requested Motion/Action:**

A motion to approve the application to the FAA for a grant to rehabilitate signage and electrical along Runway 9/27 at the Spanish Peaks Regional Airport in the amount of \$318,000 and further authorize a grant application in the amount of \$17,666 from CDOT Aeronautics for the same project.

### **Grant Program:**

This is an FAA grant, originating from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The purpose of this grant program is to make grants to eligible airports for airport construction projects, associated airport capital planning, noise planning and noise mitigation projects, and energy and environmental sustainability projects. This grant program follows the same guidelines as the Airport Improvement program.

### **Our Project:**

Huerfano County proposes to rehabilitate signage and electrical infrastructure along the paved primary runway at the Spanish Peaks Regional Airport. More specifically, the proposed project includes the installation of a new lighted wind cone and segmented circle, replacement of seven lit and three unlit position signs, three runway edge lights, one set of runway end / threshold lights, one set of in-pavement runway threshold lights located at the displaced threshold, and one set of Runway End Identifier Lights. The existing lighting to be replaced at 4V1 has reached the end of its useful life and does not reliably provides its intended level of illumination.

The proposed project would also include up to 3,700 linear feet of trenching to accommodate electrical tie ins for the replacement lighting. This trenching would occur in areas heavily disturbed by site grading completed for the safety areas and connector taxiway construction.

The project may also include, subject to the availability of funding after the completion of the aforementioned parts of the project, the removal of the existing blast pad on the Runway 9 end. The existing blast pad does not meet the width standards outlined in FAA AC 150/5300-13B and the

pavement condition is failing. There have been instances of foreign object debris caused by the failing blast pad pavement. It is anticipated the pavement would be removed and reseeded upon removal.

The entirety of the project is scheduled to commence during the Summer of 2023 and should be completed within one month.

**Alignment with County Objectives:**

This project aligns with County objectives around infrastructure improvement and maintenance.

**Financial Considerations:**

The budget for this project is \$353,332.67. We expect to receive \$318,000 from the FAA and \$17,666 from CDOT Aeronautics. The County would be expected to contribute \$17,666.67. This is the same split with other Airport Improvement Program Projects. 90% FAA, 5% CDOT Aeronautics, and 5% Airport Sponsor (Huerfano County). This is a reimbursement grant and the County will have to incur expenses and then seek reimbursement.

**Background:** The County is wrapping up our 2022 Airport Improvement Construction Project with final payments to be made this month on the Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Work is continuing on the Airport Master Plan.

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Signature of the Chair

Approved

Denied