

September 29, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR ASSET
ACQUISITION OF NEW AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLE
(Fiscal Impact: \$1,950,000 [\$1,852,500 Revenue \$97,500 Match]; Federal Grant; Budgeted;
Discretionary)**

The Department of Airports proposes to accept a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) in the approximate amount of \$1,852,500. The grant will be issued to provide funding for the asset acquisition of a new aircraft rescue fire fighting (ARFF) vehicle. The Department is required to provide matching funds of 5% of the total asset acquisition costs. The estimated total asset acquisition cost is \$1,950,000. The FY2026-27 Department's adopted budget includes appropriation for this asset acquisition.

This grant will reimburse the Department for expenses from a cooperative agreement purchase order which will be subject to final approval by the Purchasing Manager.

The grant processing time between grant offer and grant acceptance is typically very short. Failure to meet the imposed deadline will result in loss of grant funds, thus the Department of Airports requests that your Board authorize the Director of Airports to execute the grant agreement and all related and required documentation to ensure that the County can meet the deadline for the funding. The grant agreement contains the standard FAA grant assurances for projects that have previously been approved by your Board and will have been reviewed and approved by the Office of County Counsel.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board (1) approve and authorize the Department of Airports to accept grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Infrastructure Grant and (2) authorize the Director of Airports to sign the Grant Agreement and related documentation, when received, subject to approval as to form by the Office of County Counsel.

Respectfully,



Bill LaManque, CM
Director of Airports

cc: County Administrative Office
Office of County Counsel
Purchasing Department

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