

## **RESOLUTION NO. 74-26**

### **APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FAA AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT OFFER NO. 3-08-0027-093-2026 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO SIGN**

#### **RECITALS:**

The Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority (GJRAA or Airport Authority) is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, organized pursuant to Section 41-3-101 et seq., C.R.S., and is the owner and operator of the Grand Junction Regional Airport (Airport). The Airport Authority is a separate and distinct entity from the City of Grand Junction (City).

The Airport Authority has a multi-year program to improve the Airport. The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) is continually coordinated with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Aeronautics.

The subject of this Resolution is FAA AIP Grant Offer No. 3-08-0027-093-2026, Runway Replacement Program, Transition and Taxiway Conversion Costs. In January 2026, the Airport Authority board submitted an application for FAA funding for the remainder of the runway replacement program costs, including paving the new runway and building new connectors to the future taxiway, anticipated to be completed in 2028, totaling \$42,000,000. The FAA has indicated its intent to fund the remaining costs through 2026, 2027, and 2028 grants.

This FY 2026 Grant Offer will fund 95 percent of three phases of the paving and runway transition project approved by the Airport Authority Board in April 2026. The maximum obligation of the United States under the Grant Offer is \$13,265,445. The Airport Authority is responsible for the balance of the Project cost.

Pursuant to Title 49, U.S.C., Subtitle VII, Part B, as amended, the Airport Authority applied for monies from the FAA for the construction of certain improvements upon the Airport, pursuant to the terms, plans, and specifications set forth in AIP Grant No. 3-08-0027-093-2026 (Project). The FAA is willing to provide up to \$13,265,445 toward the estimated costs of the Project, provided that the City and Mesa County execute the Grant Agreement as co-sponsors with the Airport Authority.

As creators and co-sponsors of the Airport Authority, both the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners and the City Council must also approve grant awards from the FAA to the Airport Authority.

The FAA requires the City and the County to execute the Grant Agreement as co-sponsors for two primary reasons. First, the City and the County have taxing authority, whereas the Airport Authority does not, so that public entities with taxing authority are liable for the financial commitments required of the Sponsor under the Grant Agreement should the Airport Authority be unable to satisfy those commitments out of the net

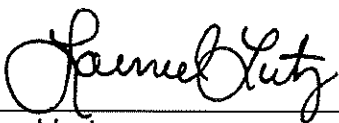
revenues generated by the operation of the Airport. Second, the City and the County have jurisdiction over the zoning and land use regulation of the real property surrounding the Airport, whereas the Airport Authority does not.

The City is willing to execute the Grant Agreement as a co-sponsor, subject to the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and the Airport Authority, under which the Airport Authority agrees to comply with each requirement imposed on the Sponsor by the Grant Agreement, other than the zoning and land use requirements of paragraph 21 of the Assurances, and agrees to indemnify and hold the City, its officers, employees, and agents harmless from claims arising out of or related to the Grant Agreement and the Project, other than the City's zoning and land use obligations under paragraph 21 of the Assurances incorporated by reference into the Grant Agreement.

By and with approval of this Resolution the City Council approves the acceptance of the FAA Grant Offer and authorizes the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute the Grant Agreement, as co-sponsor, and the Supplemental Co-Sponsorship Agreement.

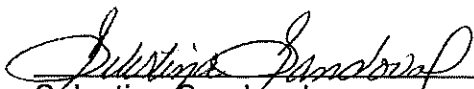
NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, having been fully advised in the premises, authorizes, affirms, and directs the approval and acceptance of FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-08-0027-093-2026 and the Grant Agreement, in an amount of up to \$13,265,445, in support of the GJRAA as described generally herein and in more detail in the Grant Application, the Grant Offer and Agreement, and the Supplemental Co-Sponsorship Agreement, and authorizes the City Manager and City Attorney to sign in accordance with this Resolution and other applicable Resolutions.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.



Laurel Lutz  
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval  
City Clerk

