

RESOLUTION NO. 75-26

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FAA AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT OFFER NO. 3-08-0027-094-2026 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. The Airport Authority is a separate and distinct entity from the City of Grand Junction (City), and is the owner and operator of the Grand Junction Regional Airport (Airport).

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 Airport Authority applied for and has been announced as the recipient of \$5,000,000 in funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) competitive FAA Contract Tower program to make ongoing improvements to the air traffic control tower. Those improvements are intended to include the replacement of the glass on the cab of the tower, replacement of the entire HVAC system, as well as additional storefront window and roof replacement on levels 1 through 5. This grant will have no required sponsor match and will fund 100 percent of the eligible costs up to the grant amount.

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. 3-08-0027-094-2026 (Project). The FAA is willing to provide up to \$5,000,000 toward the estimated costs of the Project, provided the City and Mesa County execute the Grant Agreement as co-sponsors with the Airport Authority.

The FAA requires the City and Mesa County to execute the Grant Agreement as co-sponsors because the City and the county have taxing authority and the Airport Authority does not, and because the City and the county have zoning and land use jurisdiction over the real property surrounding the Airport and the Airport Authority does not. By executing the Grant Agreement, the City warrants to the FAA that the proposed improvements are consistent with the City's plans for development of the area surrounding the Airport, and that the City will take appropriate actions, including the

adoption of zoning laws, to restrict the use of land surrounding the Airport to activities and purposes compatible with normal Airport operations.

The City is willing to execute the Grant Agreement as a co-sponsor, pursuant to the FAA's request, subject to the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Co-Sponsorship Agreement, under which the Airport Authority agrees to indemnify and hold the City harmless as set forth in that agreement.

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

There is no fiscal impact to the City as a result of the adoption of this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, having been fully advised in the premises, approves the acceptance of the anticipated FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-08-0027-094-2026 in the amount of \$5,000,000 to rehabilitate the sponsor owned FAA contract tower, between the Federal Aviation Administration, Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, and the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority, and the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between Mesa County and the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority, and authorizes the City Manager and the City Attorney to sign the Grant Agreement, the Co-Sponsorship Agreement, and such other documentation as is required in accordance with this Resolution and other applicable Resolutions.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2026.



Laurel Lutz
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk

