

Council Agenda Item 26-0062R



MEETING DATE: January 26, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DULUTH AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT FEDERAL AND STATE OF MINNESOTA GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND SKY HARBOR AIRPORT AND TO EXECUTE GRANT DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR YEAR 2026.

SUBMITTED BY: Ian Young, Assistant City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BACKGROUND: The Duluth Airport Authority requests and is awarded federal and state grants to support and execute the capital improvement programs for Duluth International Airport and Sky Harbor Airport. These grants fund airport infrastructure projects, such as runways, taxiways, airport signage, airport lighting and airport markings. The grant funds also support rehabilitation, construction and sometimes maintenance of airport owned facilities, which includes the airport terminals, airport-owned hangars, air traffic control tower, and other public-use facilities. Grants may also fund the purchase of equipment necessary to maintain the airport owned facilities, such as snow removal equipment.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: The Duluth Airport Authority is financially self-sustaining and budgets appropriately on an annual basis to support the local shares of the federal and state grants received. The approval of this resolution should have no financial impact on the budget of the City of Duluth.

OPTIONS: Approve resolution or the Duluth Airport Authority will not be authorized to enter into state and federal grant agreements and receive grant funding for year 2026

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve resolution

ATTACHMENTS: N/A