

**CITY OF BUCKEYE  
Regular Council Meeting  
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

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| <b>MEETING DATE:</b> 04/21/26                                                                                | <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> 4.I. FIN - Fiscal Year 2027 Congressional Directed Spending: Temporary Airport Tower Application |
| <b>DATE PREPARED:</b> 04/20/26                                                                               | <b>DISTRICT NO.:</b> All                                                                                             |
| <b>STAFF LIAISON:</b> Rob Roach, Grant Program and Procurement Manager, rroach@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6165 |                                                                                                                      |
| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Financial Services                                                                        | <b>AGENDA ITEM TYPE:</b> Consent Agenda Items / New Business                                                         |

**ACTION/MOTION:** (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)  
Council to take action to ratify and approve the submission of a \$1,500,000 grant application through the Fiscal Year 2027 Congressional Directed Spending Opportunities through the offices of Senators Mark Kelly and Ruben Gallego for the construction of a temporary airport tower at the Buckeye Municipal Airport, with federal funds of \$1,350,000, and a local match of \$150,000; and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to take all steps necessary to cause the execution and delivery, and carry out the purpose and intent, of said application.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:**  
Innovative and High Performing Organizations

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**SUMMARY**

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The City of Buckeye seeks to address the safety concerns at the Airport by submitting a grant application that entails installing an ACT. Buckeye is one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States and is emerging as a major economic development hub within the Phoenix Metroplex. The Airport does not currently have a control tower and has experienced significant increases in aircraft activity, with operational levels now comparable to many Arizona airports that already receive air traffic control services. Additionally, the Airport has been accepted into the Federal Contract Tower Program, demonstrating a federal determination of need. However, the timeline to complete Federal Contract Tower siting, environmental clearance, and construction of a permanent tower is estimated at six to eight years. While the City intends to pursue a permanent tower, the FAA has indicated that controller funding cannot be supported until a facility is in place.

**BENEFITS:**

The proposed and requested ACT offers an immediate and practical approach to maintaining safe and efficient operations during the interim period until Buckeye can construct a permanent tower. The ACT will help prevent costly accidents and emergency response impacts until a permanent solution is advanced.

**FUTURE ACTION:**

If awarded, the award will be brought to Council to provide authority to approve and execute, as well as budgetary authority.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

The Federal grant portion is \$1,350,000, with a \$150,000 match from the City of Buckeye, if awarded.

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**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:**

The total fiscal year 2027 cost is \$1,500,000, of which \$1,350,000 is reimbursable under the budget.

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**BUDGETED:**

No

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**Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[CAR Recap Summary Temporary Airport Tower.docx](#)

[Airport Tower App Submitted 3.19.26.pdf](#)