



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 09, 2002

Council Session

Item I2

#2002-104 - Approving Support of the Central Nebraska Regional Airport Efforts Towards the U.S. Department of Transportation's Small Communities Air Service Development Program

The Central Nebraska Regional Airport is seeking to establish the Central Nebraska Air Service Consortium consisting of local communities and counties to apply for a grant from the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program. This program has been funded by Congress for two years in the amount of \$45,000,000 to make available grants for local air service development in up to 40 communities and/or consortia. The Central Nebraska Regional Airport has obtained commitments from a number of area communities and counties to participate in the grant application and funding of the air service development effort. The administration of the City of Grand Island is recommending authorization to pay \$24,000 to the consortium over the next two years to be used as part of this development program and to participate in the grant application. Approval of the resolution as drafted is recommended.

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R E S O L U T I O N 2002-104

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT) is soliciting proposals from communities and consortiums of communities interested in participating in the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the program was created to improve air service to airports that suffer from infrequent service and high airfares; and

WHEREAS, the program is limited to no more than 40 communities, with no more than four communities or consortia of communities to be located in each state; and

WHEREAS, \$27.5 million has been authorized for the program in fiscal year 2002 (FY02), and Congress appropriated \$20 million for the program as part of the FY02 DOT Appropriations bill last year; and

WHEREAS, the Central Nebraska Regional Airport is seeking to establish the Central Nebraska Air Service Consortium to provide funding under this two year program, and have requested the assistance of the City of Grand Island and surrounding communities in the promotion of the Small Communities Air Service Development Program to develop affordable and reliable air service to the Grand Island area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City of Grand Island supports the Central Nebraska Regional Airport in their efforts towards the U.S. Department of Transportation's Small Communities Air Service Development Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to proceed with documentation to include the City of Grand Island as a member of the Central Nebraska Air Service Consortium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that approximately \$24,000 in funding by the City of Grand Island to be paid to the Central Nebraska Air Service Consortium in equal installments during fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 is hereby approved and authorized to assist in raising the necessary funds to make the program a success.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on April 9, 2002.

Approved as to Form ? _____
April 5, 2002 ? City Attorney

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

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April 5, 2002 ? City Attorney