

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF ABILENE'S APPLICATION FOR THE DEFENSE ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (DEAAG) IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE VALUE OF DYESS AIR FORCE BASE AS A WHOLE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

WHEREAS, Dyess Air Force Base is home to the 7th Bomb Wing and 317th Airlift Group, hosting B-1B bombers and C-130J airlift aircraft which are crucial to our nation's defense; and

WHEREAS, Dyess Air Force Base is the Abilene region's largest employer, with an estimated economic impact of over \$430 million dollars per year to the local area; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the Abilene community to actively seek opportunities to promote and enhance the success and sustainability of Dyess Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant will provide funding for improvements to the Visitor Control Center (VCC) at the Arnold Gate of Dyess Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, such improvements are anticipated to cost \$2.4 million, and the City of Abilene's portion through grant funding will be \$2,127,613.38; and

WHEREAS, these improvements will enhance security operations at the Arnold Gate as well as provide benefit to base visitors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS THAT:

Part 1. The City Council strongly supports the City of Abilene's application for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program.

Part 2. The City Manager is authorized to apply for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program on the City's behalf for the benefit of Dyess Air Force Base and the residents of Abilene.

Part 3. In the event the grant is awarded, the City of Abilene intends to appropriate sufficient funds to execute the project.

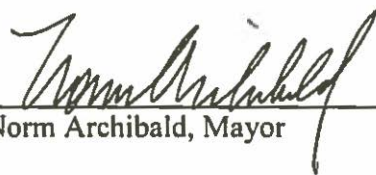
Part 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Adopted this 25th day of February, 2016.

ATTEST:



Danette Dunlap, City Secretary



Norm Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:



City Attorney