

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2017

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 FAA and Department of Defense required improvements to the perimeter fence of Dyess Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, such improvements are anticipated to cost \$563,389.76; and

WHEREAS, the DCOA has approved funding in an amount up to \$200,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene has the opportunity to make a formal request to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission for an Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant in the amount of \$281,679.88 in order to fully fund the improvements; and,

WHEREAS, these improvements will enhance security and safety at Dyess Air Force Base.

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 pass through sufficient funds to execute the project.

Part 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.
Adopted this 12th day of October, 2017.

ATTEST:



Tiffni Herrera, Assistant City Secretary



Anthony Williams, Mayor

APPROVED: 

Stanley Smith, City Attorney