

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date: December 2, 2024

Action Required: Approve the appropriation through a resolution

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Title: Resolution for supplemental appropriation of \$7,571,300 in Federal, State, and Local Capital Grant funding (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) have awarded the Transit Division of the City of Charlottesville federal and state assistance to support capital projects in the operations of public transit services. The FY24 Grant Award of \$2.1 million will support the purchase of battery electric vehicles and the FY23 Grant Award of \$5.1 million will support the purchase of diesel buses, equipment, support vehicles, and software.

FTA FY23 and FY24 approved capital projects include the purchase of automated vehicle locating (AVL) software, four (4) replacement engines, vehicle support equipment, three (3) support vehicles, and ten (10) buses: Two 35-foot battery-electric buses (Expansion for Pilot Program), four 35-foot diesel buses (Replacement Vehicles), and four 29-foot diesel buses (Replacement Vehicles).

The Transit Division has sufficient funds in the budget for the required match of these procurements due to an unallocated balance held in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

Discussion

Appropriation of Funds: Capital - \$7,571,300: The FTA has awarded \$2,119,964; VDRPT has awarded \$5,148,484, with a local match of \$302,852.

Transit Grants by Type	FY2025 Budget	Grants Awarded	Change to Appropriation
State Capital Award	\$ -	\$ 5,148,484	\$ 5,148,484
Federal Capital Award	\$ -	\$ 2,119,964	\$ 2,119,964
Local CIP Match	\$ -	\$ 302,852	\$ 302,852

Local County Match	\$ -	\$	\$
Total Capital Change	\$ -	\$ 7,571,300	\$ 7,571,300
Total Appropriation Request			\$ 7,571,300

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item aligns directly with City Council's vision for Charlottesville as a Connected Community, where the City is part of a comprehensive transportation system that enables citizens of all ages and incomes to easily navigate our community. It also aligns with Strategic Plan Goal 3: A Beautiful and Sustainable Natural and Built Environment, Objective 3.3: Provide a variety of transportation and mobility options.

Community Engagement

Charlottesville Area Transit utilizes the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan to fulfill its public engagement requirements. This includes an opportunity for members of the public to request a public hearing on Charlottesville Area Transit's Program of Projects. No public hearing was requested through those means. However, due to the amount of change to the Charlottesville Area Transit budget, a public hearing is required prior to appropriation.

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund. Local match requirements for the Capital Assistance are covered through the previously appropriated City contribution from the General Fund. Local capital contributions are required in the amount of \$302,852. Matching requirements for these funds are 4% percent. The Transit division has sufficient funds in the unallocated CIP budget to accommodate the 4% match requirement without additional City funding.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds.

Alternatives

City Council may choose not to appropriate the match funds. Without this appropriation, CAT will not be able accept the federal capital funding as the local match is required for this Federal funding award.

Attachments

Resolution Approving Supplemental Appropriation of Federal and State Grant Funds for Charlottesville Transit Projects