

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



Agenda Date:	April 15, 2024
Action Required:	Appropriation and Transfer
Presenter:	Steven Hicks, Public Works Director
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Title:	Resolution for Revenue Sharing Program Appropriation of \$394,256 and Transfer of \$394,256 for Multi-Modal Improvements FY21 (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) administers the Revenue Sharing Program to provide additional funding for localities to improve their transportation network. With the realization that transportation needs are outpacing the state's budget, this program encourages local investment in the transportation network. Under the current law/regulations, for each local dollar that the City commits to an eligible project, the state is offering to match it 1:1 – up to \$10 million per locality per biennial application cycle. The maximum allocation the CTB may make to the Revenue Sharing Program is \$200 million annually with the minimum allocation being \$15 million annually.

Several studies have been conducted through the public process to identify priority multi-modal improvements citywide. These studies include:

- 2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Streets That Work
- Strategic Investment Area Plans

In 2022, the City was awarded a Growth and Accessibility Planning Technical Assistance Program grant to prioritize previously planned multimodal improvements, based on a range of performance-based measures. The City's current draft Sidewalk Priorities list is the result of that grant-funded effort. Where funding has been already been identified for a proposed sidewalk project in the draft list, projects have been categorized as "Committed". The two sidewalk projects that have been selected for the VDOT revenue sharing program are considered to be Committed within the draft Sidewalk Priorities list.

Discussion

An application was submitted in FY21 for a \$1 million Revenue Sharing grant (50% state, 50%local) to help implement several of the City's high priority multimodal projects with funding available in FY25/FY26. This was supported by a City Council Resolution with the 50% local match identified in the City's Capital Improvement Program funding for new sidewalks. **The City received a prorated**

award of \$394,256 for FY25/26 that has been made available for appropriation and spending now.

To match the state funding, City staff is requesting a transfer of local funds into a new CIP project numbers:

P-00335

New Sidewalk

\$394,256

An appropriation is also needed for the \$394,256 in state funds. State funds will be reimbursed, on a quarterly basis, as the City advances the project and expending the funds. The total appropriation and project total is for \$788,512.

City Staff, including the Transportation Planning Manager as well as the City Engineer, recommend advancing the following 3 projects which were identified in the grant application for Revenue Sharing in FY21:

Sidewalk Projects	Project Limits	Project Limits	Approx.	Construction
	To:	From:	Length	Estimate
Monticello Avenue	Druid Avenue	Quarry Avenue	615 LF	\$ 113,512
Quarry Road	Monticello Avenue	Palatine Avenue	140 LF	\$ 45,790
Bike Lane/Ped Improvement Project*	Project Limits	Project Limits	Approx.	Construction
	To:	From:	Length	Estimate
Avon/9th Street	Levy Avenue	Belmont Avenue	650 LF	\$ 637,210

Staff recommendation is based on:

- 1) the amount of the grant award
- 2) the need to escalate the older construction estimates listed above (i.e. inflation)
- 3) by choosing 2 sidewalk projects that are linked together, in this case Monticello Avenue and Quarry Road, the amount of impact would be higher with one roadway having a minor arterial roadway classification
- 4) the Avon/9th Street project improves the intersection of Hinton Avenue and Belmont Avenue by shortening pedestrian crossings and connecting/highlighting bike lanes from the Belmont Bridge project with bulb-outs. Plans have already been developed to 95% as well.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item upholds the City's commitment to create "a connected community" by improving upon our existing transportation infrastructure. In addition, it would contribute to Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan, to be "A Beautiful and Sustainable Natural and Built Environment" by meeting Objective 3.1 Engage in robust and context sensitive urban planning and implementation; Objective 3.2. Provide reliable and high quality infrastructure; and Objective 3.3. Provide a variety of transportation and mobility options.

Community Engagement

Public participation occurred during development of the various studies listed above as well as the Capital Improvement Plan.

Budgetary Impact

This is a state revenue sharing project which also requires a local match equal to 50% of the total project cost. The local match of \$394,256 needed for this project will come from previously appropriated dollars in the New Sidewalks project account in the Capital Projects Fund.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the appropriation.

Alternatives

1. The City could choose to not accept the grant award.
2. The City could select other funds to use as local match.
3. The City could select other projects to advance from the list above.

Attachments

1. Resolution_Multi-Modal Revenue Sharing Appropriation - April 15 (2) CA review 4.10.2024