

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2021 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 58 - 2021

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for grants under the Federal Transit Act and certain State transportation grants; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Introduced and read first time April 5, 2021.

By order Michelle Howard  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on April 19, 2021.

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Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 3, 2021.

Certified By Michelle Howard  
Theo Wimberly, Acting Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on May 10, 2021.

[Signature]  
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1       **WHEREAS**, the Maryland Transit Administration (“MTA”) is the designated recipient  
2 in Maryland for Section 5303, 5304, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316 and/or 5317 grants  
3 under the Federal Transit Act;

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5       **WHEREAS**, the Administrator of the MTA of the Maryland Department of  
6 Transportation is authorized to make grants to counties and to local governments for a mass  
7 transportation program of projects; and

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9       **WHEREAS**, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon  
10 the County, including the provision by the County of the local share of the project costs in  
11 the program; and

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13       **WHEREAS**, the County will file an application for Operational and Capital funding  
14 assistance with the MTA for some or all of the following grants under the Federal Transit  
15 Act: Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning  
16 grants (Sections 5303, 5304 and 5305); Urbanized Area Formula Program grants (Section  
17 5307/Large Urban); Bus and Bus Facilities grants (Section 5309); Enhanced Mobility for  
18 Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310); Formula Grants for Other than  
19 Urbanized Areas grants (Section 5311); the Washington Area Grant (WAG); Americans  
20 with Disabilities grants; and the State Special Transportation Assistance Program  
21 (SSTAP); and

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23       **WHEREAS**, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation in  
24 accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that, in  
25 connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act,  
26 the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of  
27 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

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29       **WHEREAS**, the County’s goal is that minority business enterprises be utilized to the  
30 fullest extent possible in connection with these projects and programs; therefore, definite  
31 procedures have been established and are being administered to ensure that minority

1 business shall have the maximum opportunity to compete for construction contracts,  
2 supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

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4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard  
5 County, Maryland this 3 day of May, 2021 that the County's application  
6 for grants under the Federal Transit Act be endorsed for some or all of the following grants:  
7 Metropolitan & Statewide Planning and Non-Metropolitan Transportation Planning grants  
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13 (SSTAP).

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15 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
16 Maryland that the County Executive is hereby requested to endorse this resolution, thereby  
17 indicating approval thereof.

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19 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
20 Maryland that copies of the Resolution be sent to the Maryland Transit Administration of  
21 the Maryland Department of Transportation.



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Bruce Gartner, Administrator

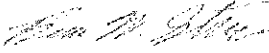
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## *Memorandum*

**To:** Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of County Administration

**From:** Bruce Gartner 

**Date:** March 24, 2021

**Subject:** Testimony in support of County Council resolution endorsing the FY 2022 Annual Transportation Plan Application

Each fiscal year, on behalf of Howard County, the Office of Transportation (OOT) prepares an Annual Transportation Plan for submission to the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) of the Maryland Department of Transportation. Through the application the OOT requests funding for operating and capital grant funds. The grants allow the County to use federal and state funds to subsidize Howard County's portion of the expenses for the Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland (RTA), which provides the County's local bus and paratransit service.

The contract for financial assistance imposes certain obligations upon the County, including the provision of the local share of the project costs in the transit program. Therefore, the MTA requires that the Annual Transportation Plan application include an authorizing resolution endorsing the application. The resolution being submitted to the Howard County Council for this year is substantially similar to last year's resolution.

A summary of the application is as follows:

**Section I. General Information:**

Title: FY 2022 ATP Application  
Funding Agency: Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Application Request: \$5,12802 Federal and State Grant Funds  
Purpose of Grant: Howard County Transportation Plan for FY 2022 Operating Assistance and Capital Assistance including facilities.

**Section II. Funding:**

**Operating Grant**

**Federal/State Funds: \$3,367,920**

*Local Match*

Howard County: \$534,864  
Source of Cash Match: Office of Transportation  
Fund: 1000000000  
Business Area: 3220  
Revenue (Farebox, Advertising): \$550,958  
Fund: 2150000000  
Business Area: 3220

**Capital Grant Funds (bus replacement and vehicle preventive maintenance)**

**Federal/State Funds: \$1,760,100**

*Local Match:*

Howard County \$440,025  
Total: \$2,200,125

For these reasons, we are requesting Council Approval of our FY 22 Transit Assurances Resolution.



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A summary of the estimated federal/state and local match requirements for each grant anticipated in FY 2022 is below but could vary based on federal and state funding availability at the time of application and/or award.

TYPE OF TRANSIT GRANT	FED/STATE	REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH
LU (Large Urban)	\$1,298,738	\$432,913
ADA	\$430,000	\$47,778
WAG (Washington Area Grant)	\$1,476,662	\$0
Capital	\$1,668,100	\$417,025
SSTAP (Statewide Specialize Transportation Assistance Program)	\$162,520	\$54,173
PM (Preventive Maintenance)	\$92,000	\$23,000
TOTAL	\$5,128,020	\$974,889

Given the substantial benefits from these grants to Howard County we are requesting Council Approval of our FY 2022 Transit Assurances Resolution.

**Office of the County Auditor  
Auditor's Analysis**

**Council Resolution No. 58-2021**

Introduced: April 5, 2021

Auditor: Maya Cameron

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Fiscal Impact:

Because this is a resolution authorizing grant requests, there is no fiscal impact resulting from Council Resolution 58-2021.

The resolution itself does not specifically have any fiscal impact, however if the grant requests are approved, they will increase County revenues and expenditures. The grants generally require a local match of 10 to 25 percent.

Please note the "Expected County Match" in the table below exceeds the required match for some grants. The Office of Transportation has indicated the costs of these transportation programs have increased over time while the grant awards have not, resulting in the County's increased contribution. Our Office has noted that this trend of exceeding the required match amount for some awards is consistent with prior years.

<b>FY 2021 Federal &amp; State Grants and County Matching Funds</b>				
<b>Grant Program</b>	<b>FY 2022 Grant Request</b>	<b>Required Match %</b>	<b>Expected Match</b>	<b>Expected Match %</b>
Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5307/Large Urban)	\$1,298,738	25.0%	\$432,913	33.3%
State Americans with Disabilities	430,000	10.0%	47,778	11.1%
Washington Area	1,476,662	0.0%	-	0.0%
State Special Transportation Assistance	162,520	25.0%	54,173	33.3%
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$3,367,920</b>		<b>\$534,864</b>	
Operating Capital Equipment (Section 5309)	\$1,668,100	25.0%	\$417,025	25.0%
Preventative Maintenance (Section 5307)	\$92,000	25.0%	\$23,000	25.0%
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$1,760,100</b>		<b>\$440,025</b>	
<b>Total – All Grants</b>	<b>\$5,128,020</b>		<b>\$974,889</b>	

Purpose:

This resolution endorses and authorizes the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) for certain grants under the Federal Transit Act.

Other Comments:

None.