

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor’s Analysis

Council Resolution No. 43-2022

Introduced: April 4, 2022

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Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of Council Resolution 43-2022.

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

Note that the “Expected County Match” in the table below exceeds the required match for all grants having a matching requirement. The Office of Transportation 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.

The Office of Transportation further indicated that the required match percentage for capital grants decreased to 20 percent from the prior year.

| FY 2023 Federal and State Grants and County Matching Funds | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Grant Program | FY 2023 Grant Request | Required Match % | Expected Match | Expected Match % |
| 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% |
| Total Operating | \$3,367,920 | | \$534,864 | |
| Operating Capital Equipment (Section 5309) | \$1,668,100 | 20.0% | \$417,025 | 25.0% |
| Preventative Maintenance (Section 5307) | \$92,000 | 20.0% | \$23,000 | 25.0% |
| Total Capital | \$1,760,100 | | \$440,025 | |
| Total – All Grants | \$5,128,020 | | \$974,889 | |

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.