

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor’s Analysis

Council Resolution No. 61-2023

Introduced: April 3, 2023

Auditor: Rebecca Gold

Fiscal Impact:

There will not be any direct fiscal impact from this legislation, as this legislation only endorses and authorizes the County Executive to apply for certain grants.

If the grant applications are approved, the County can expect FY 2024 grant revenues and expenditures of \$5,934,739 for the Office of Transportation (OOT) and expenditures of \$676,783 for the County match requirement. Each grant would require a County match that ranges from 10 to 25 percent of the grant award.

Per the Administrator of the OOT, all grants in the below table will be appropriated in its FY 2024 Operating Budget, while required match amounts will come from general fund and program revenue appropriations in the OOT’s FY 2024 Operating Budget request.

FY 2024 Federal and State Grants & Matching County Funds

| Grant Program | FY 2024 Grant Request | Required Match % | Required Match |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Urbanized Area Formula Program Grant (Section 5307/Large Urban) | \$ 1,623,423 | 25.0% | \$ 405,856 |
| State Americans with Disabilities Grants | 430,000 | 10.0% | 43,000 |
| Washington Area Grant | 1,845,828 | 0.0% | - |
| State Special Transportation Assistance Program | 162,520 | 25.0% | 40,630 |
| Total Operating | \$ 4,061,771 | | \$ 489,486 |

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| Capital Equipment Grant (Section 5309) | \$ 1,797,968 | 10.0% | \$ 179,797 |
| Preventative Maintenance (Section 5307) | 75,000 | 10.0% | 7,500 |
| Total Capital | \$ 1,872,968 | | \$ 187,297 |

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| TOTAL - FY 2024 Transit Grant Applications | \$ 5,934,739 | | \$ 676,783 |
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Source: Office of Transportation

Purpose:

Council Resolution 61-2023 endorses and authorizes the Howard County Executive to apply for Federal and State grant funding from the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Other Comments:

The Administrator of the OOT advised that they will submit revised testimony that reflects updated guidance from the MTA. This includes an increased Section 5309 grant amount and a decreased required County match (from 20 percent to 10 percent of the award) for both capital grant awards.