

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

**Council Resolution No. 40-2024**

Introduced: April 1, 2024

Auditor: Rebecca Gold

Fiscal Impact:

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

If the grant applications are approved, the County may expect:

- FY 2025 grant revenues of \$6,983,360 (an increase of \$1,048,621 over expected FY 2024 grant revenues) designated for the Office of Transportation (OOT).
- Expenditures of approximately \$971,121 to meet the County match requirement.

These amounts are estimates. The actual amounts will vary based on grants received. The total project costs and local County match requirement are determined by the State of Maryland.

Per the Administrator of the OOT, all grants in the below table will be appropriated in the FY 2025 Operating Budget. Likewise, \$600,000 of the required match amounts will come from General Fund appropriations in the County Executive’s proposed FY 2025 Operating Budget.

Capital grant fund matching will be paid from the General Fund.

**FY 2025 Federal and State Grants & Matching County Funds**

Grant Program	FY 2025 Grant Request	Required Match %	Required Match
Urbanized Area Formula Program Grant (Section 5307)	\$ 2,326,678	25.0%	\$ 581,670
State Americans with Disabilities Grants	430,000	10.0%	47,778
Washington Area Grant	1,476,662	0.0%	-
State Special Transportation Assistance Program	162,520	25.0%	54,173
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$ 4,395,860</b>		<b>\$ 683,621</b>

Capital Equipment Grant (Section 5309)	\$ 2,520,000	10.0%	\$ 280,000
Preventative Maintenance (Section 5307)	67,500	10.0%	7,500
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 2,587,500</b>		<b>\$ 287,500</b>

<b>TOTAL - FY 2025 Transit Grant Applications</b>	<b>\$ 6,983,360</b>		<b>\$ 971,121</b>
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Source: Administrative Testimony

Purpose:

Council Resolution 40-2024 endorses and authorizes the Howard County Executive to apply for Federal and State grant funding from the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

Other Comments:

According to the Administrator, the operating grant funds support:

- 15 fixed route transit routes;
- Paratransit service to provide more than 750,000 annual passenger trips in the RTA service area; and
- Cleaning and maintaining of bus stops, shelters, and other passenger amenities.

The OOT anticipates that the County will continue to overmatch its required local match amounts, as it has done in prior years.