

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 10

Resolution No. 143-2015

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

A RESOLUTION endorsing a Howard County application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for certain grants under the Federal Transit Act.

Introduced and read first time September 8, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on September 21, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on October 5, 2015.

Certified By Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive October 8, 2015

Allan H. Kittleman
Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL 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
2 recipient in Maryland for grants under the Federal Transit Act; and

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

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8 **WHEREAS**, such grants are awarded through a contract for financial assistance
9 that will impose certain obligations upon the County, including the provision by the
10 County of the local share of the project costs in the program; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the County will file an application for Operational and Capital
13 funding assistance with the MTA for some or all of the following grants under the
14 Federal Transit Act: Metropolitan & Statewide Planning grants (Sections 5303, 5304 and
15 5305); Urbanized Area Formula Program grants (Section 5307/Large Urban); Bus and
16 Bus Facilities grants (Section 5309 and 5318); Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized
17 Areas grants (Section 5311); Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Funding Program
18 and the State Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP); and

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

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26 **WHEREAS**, the County’s goal is that minority business enterprise be utilized to
27 the fullest extent possible in connection with these projects and programs, and definite
28 procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall
29 have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts or consultants
30 and other services.

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
2 County, Maryland this 5th day of October, 2015 that the County's application
3 for a grant under the Federal Transit Act be endorsed.

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

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

Habicht, Kelli

From: Feldmark, Jessica
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 10:18 AM
To: Habicht, Kelli; Hammond, Patricia; Harold, Lisa; Hightower, Rozonna; Respass, Charity; Scott, Stephanie
Cc: Beach, Meredith; Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Transportation grants match requirements
Attachments: CR 143-2015 Transportation Grants.pdf

For legislative binders and file...

Thanks,
Jess

Jessica Feldmark
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From: Glendenning, Craig
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 9:27 AM
To: 'Greg Fox (Greg.Fox@Constellation.com)'; Fox, Greg
Cc: Feldmark, Jessica; Powell, John; Ball, Calvin B; Calvin Ball (philosopherpoet2@yahoo.com); Fox, Greg; Terrasa, Jen; Sigaty, Mary Kay; Weinstein, Jon
Subject: Transportation grants match requirements

Greg,

Per your request at the September 21 Public Hearing, attached is a memo from Lisa Geerman with the details of the County match requirements for the transportation grants included in CR143-2015. Let me know if you would like any additional details.

Craig

Craig Glendenning, CPA
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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

MEMORANDUM

Craig Glendenning, CPA
County Auditor

September 28, 2015

MEMO TO: Greg Fox
Council Member

THRU: Craig Glendenning *CG*
County Auditor

FROM: Lisa Geerman *LH*
Legislative Audit Manager

SUBJECT: Analysis of **Council Resolution No. 143-2015**

The purpose of Council Resolution No. 143-2015 is to authorize the Administration to apply for Federal and State grant funds from the Maryland Transit Administration. During our review of the resolution and Mr. Powell's memo to Mr. Robbins, dated August 27, 2015, we were able to determine the following:

- The County is required to provide matching funds for some of the grants as described below.
 - Large Urban Public Transportation Program 25%
 - Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program No match required
 - Americans with Disabilities Act 10%
 - Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program 25%
 - Section 5309 Capital Assistance Program 10%
- Regarding the Section 5309 Capital Assistance Program grant,
 - The grant request of \$460,800, as stated on the memo, is greater than the grant funding of \$50,000 included in the FY 2016 capital budget.
 - The capital budget will have to be adjusted if the funds are received.
 - The capital project designated to receive the grant revenue is C-0332 – Bus Stop Improvements. It does not provide funding for C-0323 – Transit Buses as stated on the memo.
- The total amount of grants to be requested will be \$4,654,989 of which \$4,194,189 is operating and \$460,800 is capital. The total required County match will be \$608,959 of which \$557,759 is operating and \$51,200 is capital.
- The County overmatches all of these operating programs by a significant amount. For the four operating programs detailed above, the County provides \$4,522,724 of funding above the required County match.

cc: Council Members
John W. Powell, Director, Office of Transportation
Jessica Feldmark, Council Administrator

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Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Authorizing Resolution for FY 2016 Annual Transportation Program Grant
Maryland Transportation Administration

To: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

From: John Powell, Administrator
Office of Transportation

Date: August 27, 2015

Please be advised that the Office of Transportation supports Council Resolution No. _____ for the application to receive Federal and State grant funds through the Maryland Transportation Administration (MTA). The MTA requires that an Authorizing Resolution be completed by all jurisdictions that receive funds from MTA's Large Urban Public Transportation Program, Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program, Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP); Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 5309 Capital Assistance Program. The Resolution is completed annually as part of the application of grant funding for transportation services from the MTA.

The Resolution will have a positive fiscal impact on Howard County in that it will allow the County to utilize Federal and State grant funds to support Howard Transit and HT Ride, the County's local bus service. Attached is a chart which describes each of the grant programs and the anticipated funding for FY2016.

Once the resolution is adopted, the Office of Transportation will forward a copy of the Resolution to the MTA as required by the grant process.

Should you have any questions regarding this mater, please call Jai Saunders at extension 0539.

Attachment

cc: B. Diane Wilson, Chief of Staff
Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer
Philip Nichols, Executive Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer
Holly Sun, Director, Office of Budget
Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator
Jai Saunders, Administration Assistant II, Office of Transportation

File: FY 2016 ATP Grant Application – Operating Assistance

Grant Name and Description	Requested FY 2016 Federal/State Funding through MTA
Large Urban Public Transportation Program – Provides funding for Howard Transit Fixed Route Bus Service	\$1,367,425
Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program – Provides funding for Howard Transit Fixed Route Bus Service	\$388,416
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – Provides funding for HT Ride ADA Paratransit Bus Service	\$430,000
Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) – Provides funding for HT Ride General Paratransit Bus Service	\$162,520
Section 5309 Capital Assistance Program – Provides funding for Capital Improvement Program C-0332 – Bus Stop Improvements and Capital Improvement Program C-0323 - Transit buses, preventive maintenance, capital equipment utilized for transportation services.	\$ 460,800