



Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 23-0268      **Version:** 1      **Name:**  
**Type:** Grant      **Status:** Passed  
**File created:** 12/30/2022      **In control:** Commissioners Court  
**On agenda:** 1/10/2023      **Final action:** 1/10/2023  
**Title:** Request by Community Services for approval to accept from the U.S. Department of Transportation grant funds in the amount of \$4,603,485, with no required match, for the FY 2021 Houston Urbanized Area Formula (ARPA Allocation) Program.

**Sponsors:**

**Indexes:**

**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. 23-0268

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
1/10/2023	1	Commissioners Court		

**Department:** Community Services

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Thao Costis, Interim Executive Director

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Grant

**Project ID (if applicable):** N/A

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Federal Transit Administration

**MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request by Community Services for approval to accept from the U.S. Department of Transportation grant funds in the amount of \$4,603,485, with no required match, for the FY 2021 Houston Urbanized Area Formula (ARPA Allocation) Program.

**Background and Discussion:**

As prescribed in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO) was named the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 ARPA funds for the Houston Urbanized Area. METRO has subsequently apportioned and notified the FTA that Harris County, as a direct recipient of 5307 funds, will be responsible for accepting and obligating directly to the FTA the allocated funds for the Section 5307 ARPA program. The above funds are allocated to Harris County to provide continuation of transit operations and programs. The FTA/ARPA 5307 allocation for Harris County is a total of \$4,603,485 federal dollars to be used at 100% and no match is required.

**Expected Impact:**

These funds will be used for transit contractor purchase of service, staff salaries, outreach, and capital projects within the bus system service area. Once these funds are obligated, they can be used by Harris County until totally expended.

**Alternative Options:**

County General funds will be required in lieu of ARPA funds for salaries and match.

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action** (if any): N/A

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
N/A	N/A	Application was not presented to Commissioners Court

**Location:**

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

<b>Fiscal and Personnel Summary</b>			
Service Name	Transit - Affordable Transportation Services (RIDES Program); Transit - Bus Services; Transit - Non-Emergency Medical Transportation; Transit - Planning and Coordination		
	FY 23	FY 24	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$621,470.48	\$934,507.46	\$3,047,507.07
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>	<b>\$621,470.48</b>	<b>\$934,507.46</b>	<b>\$3,047,507.07</b>
<b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			

Grant	\$621,470.48	\$934,507.46	\$3,047,507.07
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$621,470.48	\$934,507.46	\$3,047,507.07
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$621,470.48</b>	<b>\$934,507.46</b>	<b>\$3,047,507.07</b>
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date:** January 10, 2023

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):** January 31, 2023

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** David L. Jones, Deputy Assistant Director, HCCSD

**Attachments** (if applicable): FTA Split Letter; Executive Summary