



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0268, **Version:** 1

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
- X 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

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
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
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$621,470.48	\$934,507.46	\$3,047,507.07
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$621,470.48	\$934,507.46	\$3,047,507.07
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
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
Total Funding Sources	\$621,470.48	\$934,507.46	\$3,047,507.07
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-

Total Personnel	-	-	-
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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

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