

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	September 19, 2022
Action Required:	Appropriation of \$656,000 of CARES funding for Charlottesville Area Transit
Presenter:	Garland Williams, Director
Staff Contacts:	Juwhan Lee, Assistant Director-Operations
Title:	Appropriation of \$656,000 of CARES funding for Charlottesville Area Transit (1 of 2 readings)

Background

In March 2020, Charlottesville Area Transit (hereinafter “CAT”) received \$5,357,686 in CARES Act funds from the Federal Transit Administration. This appropriation allocates a portion of those funds to the following:

1. \$300,000 – To fund the hiring of a transit consultant to complete the state-required Transit Strategic Plan (TSP).
2. \$26,000 – To fund the hiring of a safety and security consultant to complete a Tabletop Safety Exercise per The US Department of Homeland Security/Transit Security Administration.
3. \$25,000 – To fund hiring Williams Mullen law firm to complete an internal payroll audit.
4. \$250,000 – To fund hiring AECOM to assist with project management and FTA compliance services to complete NEPA, capital, and amenities projects.
5. \$55,000 – To fund hiring Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to assist with analysis and software selection required to launch micro-transit services in Albemarle County.

The funds do not require a local match. The funds may be used to support capital, operating, and other expenses to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Discussion

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item aligns directly with Council’s vision for Charlottesville as a Connected Community, where the City is part of a comprehensive transportation system that enables citizens of all ages and incomes to easily navigate our community. It also aligns with Objective 3.3 of the Strategic Plan Goal: to provide a variety of transportation and mobility option.

Community Engagement

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund as the FTA CARES Act grant requires no local match.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds.

Alternatives

City Council may choose not to appropriate match funds. Without an appropriation, CAT will not receive grant funds to support its operations or planned capital projects.

Attachments

1. Resolution Appropriating CARES funding_\$656,000