

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



<b>Agenda Date:</b>	September 19, 2022
<b>Action Required:</b>	Appropriation of \$656,000 of CARES funding for Charlottesville Area Transit (Resolution to be added 9/16)
<b>Presenter:</b>	Garland Williams, Director
<b>Staff Contacts:</b>	Juwhan Lee, Assistant Director-Operations
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Appropriation of \$656,000 of CARES funding for Charlottesville Area Transit (1 of 2 readings)</b>

**Background**

In March 2020, Charlottesville Area Transit (hereinafter “CAT”) received \$5,357,686 in CARES Act funds from the Federal Transit Administration. To date, CAT has appropriated and spent \$3,678,605 in CARES Act funding, leaving an available balance of \$1,679,081 to support future transit specific operating and capital projects. To that end, CAT wants to increase the FY23 General Fund budget by \$656,000 to complete the following projects:

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