

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



Agenda Date:	April 17, 2023
Action Required:	Approval of Appropriation
Presenter:	Garland Williams, Director of Transit
Staff Contacts:	Garland Williams, Director of Transit
Title:	Supplemental Appropriation of Federal Transit Operating and State and Federal Capital Grants - \$7,886,856 (2nd reading)

Background

Total Appropriation of \$7,886,856 to be utilized as follows:

Increased State Operating Assistance Award - \$656,581 The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation award for Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT) is greater than the adopted FY2023 budget by \$656,581.

Increased Federal Operating Funding - \$4,939,780. The FTA's award for CAT is greater than the adopted FY2023 budget by \$938,323. Additionally, CAT was awarded \$4,001,457 in American Recovery Plan Act funding to support the operations of daily fixed-route and maintenance support.

Appropriation of Funds: Jaunt - \$2,290,495. The FTA has awarded \$2,290,495 to Jaunt: \$956,676 represents 25% of the total federal allocation for the section 5307 funding and \$1,333,819 represents 25% of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding. This funding is a pass-through and the City is the fiscal agent.

Discussion

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item aligns directly with City 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 Strategic Plan Goal 3: A Beautiful and Sustainable Natural and Built Environment, Objective 3.3: Provide a variety of transportation and mobility options.

Community Engagement

Charlottesville Area Transit utilizes the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan to fulfill its public engagement requirements. This includes an opportunity for members of the public to request a public hearing on Charlottesville Area Transit's Program of Projects. No public hearing

was requested through those means. However, due to the amount of change to the Charlottesville Area Transit budget, a public hearing is required prior to appropriation.

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund. Local match requirements for the Operating Assistance is covered through the previously appropriated City contribution from the General Fund and Albemarle County's contribution. Additionally, the pass through of grant funds for JAUNT has no budget impact on the General Fund.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds.

Alternatives

City Council may choose not to appropriate the match funds. Without this appropriation, CAT will not be able accept the federal operating and capital funding. CAT will not be able to provide pass-through funding to Jaunt.

Attachments

1. FY2023 Supplemental Appropriation of Federal Funding 3-28-23