THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: January 28, 2020

Subject: Transit Budget Amendment, Federal Transit Administration Program Section 5310 Grant

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE Transportation Department Director

Action Requested: Adoption of budget amendment in the amount of $332,174 in Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds to fund pass-through grants to sub-recipients and a portion of the City's existing paratransit and administrative costs. These funds are annual recurring funds that have been accounted for in the budget. These funds were previously anticipated and do not offset the current shortfall in the budget for paratransit services.

Background:

- At its March 12, 2019, meeting, City Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply to the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization for Section 5310 Funds, and to accept the grants and sign all the appropriate agreements with the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization, Federal, and/or State agencies.
- The purpose of the Section 5310 funding program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expand transportation mobility options.
- These are Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds under Award # 1057-2019-3 for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program that the City is the designated recipient for the region. The funds will be distributed to each of the applicants via an application process through the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The City is responsible for overseeing and disbursing the funds to the applicants. The chart below outlines the amount funded for each recipient.
- The budget amendment will provide expenditure authorization for the $332,174 in grant funds. The City's portion of the funds is used to support the existing City paratransit service and administrative costs.
- These funds were previously anticipated and do not offset the current shortfall in the budget for paratransit.

Subrecipient	**Project**	**FTA Amount**	**Local Match (20% or 50%)**	**Total**
City of Asheville	ADA Paratransit	$99,000	$19,800 (20%)	$118,800
Buncombe County	SEDTAP	$72,880	$14,576 (20%)	$87,455
Vocational Solutions	Vocational and Life Skills Training	$15,840	$3,148 (20%)	$18,988
Council on Aging	Volunteer Driver Program	$13,690	$13,690 (50%)	$27,380
Land of Sky Regional Council	Senior Companion Program	$32,340	$32,340 (50%)	$64,680
Vocational Solutions	Vocational and Life Skills Training	$4,950	$4,950 (50%)	$9,900

Buncombe County	RIDE Vouchers Program	$52,337	$52,337 (50%)	$104,674
Madison County	Transportation to Meal Sites	$7,920	$7,920 (50%)	$15,840
City of Asheville	Program Administration	$33,217	N/A	$33,217
	Total	**$332,174**	**$148,761**	**$480,934**

Council Goal(s):
- Transportation and Accessibility

Committee(s):
- None

Pro(s):
- Project funding is provided by the FTA. Local match is 50% for operating projects and 20% for capital projects. Each sub-recipient is responsible for their local match.
- The City is provided $33,217 for administration purposes, which does not require a local match.

Con(s):
- None.

Fiscal Impact:
- The total grant award for the projects is $332,174 and will be funded with Federal Funds. As noted above, $33,174 will be reimbursed to the city for administrative costs, and Asheville's local match for the provision of the Americans with Disabilities Act paratransit services totals $19,800.

Suggested Motion:
- Motion to adopt a budget amendment in the amount of $332,174 in Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds to fund pass-through grants to sub-recipients and a portion of the City's existing paratransit and administrative costs.

Attachment(s)
- Budget Amendment

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $332,174.00 in the Transit Operating and Transit Muli-Year Project Funds to accept Section 5310 grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration and to fund pass-through grants to sub-recipients as follows:

TRANSIT OPERATING FUND

Revenues:

Restricted Intergovernmental Federal Grants	$132,217.00
Total Revenues	$132,217.00

Appropriations:

Personnel Expenses	$33,217.00
Paratransit	$99,000.00
Total Appropriations	$132,217.00

TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Revenues:

Restricted Intergovernmental Federal Grants	$199,957.00
Total Revenues	$199,957.00

Appropriations:

Transit Pass Through Grant	$199,957.00
Total Appropriations	$199,957.00

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 28th day of January, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney