# City Council Agenda Item Request

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1. **Date submitted to Clerk's Office:** 4/02/2026

2. **Primary contact person and Department requesting agenda item:** Ashley Haire, Transportation Director; Jessica Morriss, Transportation Assistant Director; and Christopher Whitlock, Transit Division Manager

3. **Requested Council meeting date:** 4/28/2026

4. **Subject:** Expending and disbursing FY 2025 Federal Transit Administration Grant funds

5. **Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept, expend, and disburse Federal Transit Administration Grant funds from the Fiscal Year 2025 Section 5307 Job Access Reverse Commute Program and the Fiscal Year 2025 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program; authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements with the applicable transit Subrecipients for the disbursement of the approved funds; and approving a budget amendment in the amount of $488,946 to add these federal funds to the Transit Services Multi-year Fund.

6. **Note if time sensitive, and why:** Yes. This action is necessary in order to process reimbursement requests for the City's Transit Subrecipients.

7. **Potential fiscal impact(s) - if known by staff at time of request:**
    - The City's only financial impact is its share of the required match for the City's portion of the grant annually, which is encumbered in the budget approved by Council each year.
    - The City's local match for FY 2025 JARC Set-Aside funding was already encumbered.
    - The administrative funds the City of Asheville will receive from the Fiscal Year 2025 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program do not necessitate a local match.
    - The City "passes through" funding to each Subrecipient and is not responsible for their local match.

8. **Identify all vendor outreach for Minority & Women Owned Business Enterprises (MWBE).** N/A. These funds are apportioned to the Asheville Urbanized Area (AUZA) annually by the Federal Transit Administration and are disbursed by the City of Asheville, as the Designated Recipient, to the regional transit agencies (Subrecipients), including Buncombe County, Henderson County, Land of Sky Regional Council, Senior Companions - Caregiver Project and Buncombe County Agency on Aging.

9. **Identify all Boards, Commissions and Council Committees with tentative dates - add in the vote and recommendation from each Board:** N/A

10. **Identify key issues:**

- This action would authorize the expenditure and disbursement of City and Subrecipient transit grant funds for FY 2025 from two annual programs that support *existing* transit services.
    i. *Section 5307 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)* - the total amount of funds for this program originates from a 10% set-aside of Section 5307 Urban Transit funds. Each year, agencies must apply to the FBRMPO for JARC Funds. The City typically receives JARC funds to offset some of the cost of the Route 170, S3, and more recently the S6. In FY 2025, the City of Asheville was the only JARC recipient. The FY 2026 JARC application process will be completed by the FBRMPO, and City staff will bring forward the award at that time.
    ii. *Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities* - these funds are allocated annually to the AUZA. Each year, agencies must apply to the FBRMPO for 5310 funds.
- The City Attorney's Office and Purchasing Division have determined that a City Council resolution specifically authorizing the disbursement of funds to each Subrecipient, the amount being disbursed to each, and the execution of agreements, is necessary in order to provide reimbursements to Subrecipients.
- The following tables outline the amounts being disbursed to each entity by program for FY 2025:

**Section 5307 Urban Transit Funds**

| **FY25 Section 5307 JARC Funding** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Subrecipient** | **Project** | **Amount Funded** | **50% Local Match** |
| City of Asheville | Route 170, S3, and S6 Operations | $420,732 | $420,732 |
| | **Total** | $420,732 | $420,732 |

**Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**

| **FY25 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Funds** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Subrecipient** | **Project** | **Amount Funded** | **Local Match (varies)** |
| Buncombe County | Supplemental Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (SEDTAP) | $245,697.17 | $61,423.83 |
| Buncombe County | RIDE Voucher Program | $60,507.94 | $60,507.94 |
| City of Hendersonville | Accessible Pedestrian Signals | $150,255.18 | $37,563.82 |

| **FY25 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Funds** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Council on Aging Buncombe County | Call - A - Ride Program | $32,485.61 | $32,485.61 |
| City of Asheville | Program Administration 10% | $54,627 | $0 |
| | **Total** | **$543,572.90** | **$191,981.20** |