



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 7/21/2020

New Business

Department: Planning & Development, Community Development Division

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Subject: Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Execute an Agreement with the City of Asheville, as Direct Recipient of FTA Funds, for Funds Under the CARES Act (Section 5307) Program

Brief Summary:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, was allocated \$25 billion in funding to assist transit agencies in preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19. Buncombe County's suballocation of CARES Act (Section 5307) funds is \$2,462,856. The timeline below details the suballocation process:

- March 27: The CARES Act is signed into law, including \$25 billion in FTA funding.
- April 9: FTA apportions \$8,605,369 in funds to the Asheville Urbanized Area (AUZA).
- April 28: The French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO), as the regional transportation planning organization for the AUZA, approves a suballocation resolution for eligible AUZA systems.
- June 9: The City of Asheville Manager is authorized to apply for CARES Act funds and enter into subrecipient and suballocation agreements with eligible entities.

The County must enter into the subrecipient and suballocation agreement before it can access and program the \$2,462,856 in funding allocated to support Buncombe County's Community Transportation System, Mountain Mobility. Buncombe County will thereafter work with the City of Asheville and NCDOT to program CARES Act funds compliant with FTA guidance.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Execute an Agreement with the City of Asheville, As Direct Recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funds, for Funds Under the CARES Act (Section 5307) Program.

County Manager's Comments and Recommendation:

Adopt the resolution to allow execution of agreements that must be in place to access \$2,462,856 in CARES Act funds.