



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 12/5/2022

Public Hearings

Department: Planning & Development, Community Development Division

Presenter(s): Matthew Cable **Contact(s):** Matthew Cable, William High

Subject: FY 2024 Annual Section 5311 Capital Grant Application

Brief Summary: Buncombe County's Community Transportation System, Mountain Mobility, provides transportation to senior adults, persons with disabilities, clients of human service agencies, members of the general public (outside of the City of Asheville), clients of Medicaid (under contract), and citizens of the City of Asheville eligible for ADA Complimentary Paratransit (under contract).

Buncombe County is a designated applicant/recipient of state and federal transportation funds made available through North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Designated applicants/recipients must possess the technical and financial capacity to: (1) apply for, administer, operate, and carry out transportation projects; and (2) comply with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and guidelines.

Section 5311 Capital Grant funds help offset costs of capital (transit vehicles, bi-fuel propane conversion kits, and on-board camera systems). The FY 2024 Section 5311 Capital Grant Application budget is summarized below.

Section 5311 Capital Grant		
Source	Percent	Funding
Federal Share	80%	\$1,671,107
State Share	10%	\$208,888
Local Share	10%	\$208,889
Total Expenditures	100%	\$2,088,884

The FY 2024 Section 5311 Capital Grant application requires a public hearing. Notice of the public hearing were: (1) published in the Asheville Citizen-Times; (2) posted on the Buncombe County website; and (3) distributed to various organizations and groups with an interest in transportation services provided. The Board, at its September 20, 2022 meeting, approved the necessary associated authorizing resolutions for Section 5311 Grant applications.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: The Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and authorize the Chairperson to execute an application for FY 2024 Section 5311 Capital Grant Funding.

County Manager's Comments and Recommendation: Hold a public hearing and authorize the Chairperson as recommended.