



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 9/19/2023

Public Hearings

Department: Planning & Development, Community Development Division

Presenter(s): William High **Contact(s):** William High

Subject: FY 2025 Annual Section 5311 Administrative and Capital Grant Applications

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. The FY 2025 Grant Application budgets are summarized below.

| Section 5311 Administrative Grant | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Source | Percent | Funding |
| Federal Share | 80% | \$343,811 |
| State Share | 5% | \$21,488 |
| Local Share | 15% | \$64,465 |
| Total Expenditures | 100% | \$429,764 |

| Section 5311 Capital Grant | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Source | Percent | Funding |
| Federal Share | 80% | \$1,261,436 |
| State Share | 10% | \$157,679 |
| Local Share | 10% | \$157,681 |
| Total Expenditures | 100% | \$1,576,796 |

The Section 5311 grant application requires a public hearing and authorizing resolutions. 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 authorizing resolutions are attached.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: The Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute an Application for FY 2025 Public Transportation Program Funding, Enter Into Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and to Provide the Necessary Certifications and Grant Documents.

County Manager’s Comments and Recommendation: Hold a public hearing and adopt the authorizing resolutions as recommended.