

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-office Communication

DATE: 8/12/2022
TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chair, County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept Federal ARPA Capital Investments Grant (CIG) Assistance from the Federal Transit Administration for the East-West Bus Rapid Transit Project WT0083
FILE TYPE: Action Report

REQUEST

Authorization to accept Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Investments Grant (CIG) assistance in the amount of \$2,093,669, and an administrative fund transfer to implement the requested actions.

POLICY

Wisconsin Statute 59.52(31) requires County Board approval for state and federal contracts exceeding \$300,000.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has awarded Milwaukee County funding in the amount of \$2,093,669 toward the local share of the bus purchase component of the East-West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. This grant did not require an application and was awarded directly by the FTA. This additional funding permits a corresponding portion of the local share of the bus purchase funding to be used in a different part of the project. Milwaukee County Department of Transportation is therefore requesting that these local funds be used to increase expenditure authority in the Professional Services expense account to provide additional funding for anticipated BRT amenities at the upcoming Vel R. Phillips Plaza and the Couture Development.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation recommends that authorization be granted to accept \$2,093,669 in ARPA CIG funding for the BRT capital project bus purchase, transfer \$2,093,669 in bond proceeds from buses to professional services, increase expenditure authority in professional services, and that the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of the Comptroller be authorized to process an administrative fund transfer to implement the actions requested in this report.

Overall BRT local funding levels will not be altered by approval of this request.

FISCAL EFFECT

The requested actions will have the net effect of increasing revenue and expenditure authority in the BRT project by \$2,093,669. No additional local funding beyond what is already authorized in the BRT project is being requested.

TERMS (If applicable)

N/A

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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APPROVED BY:

Donna Brown-Martin

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Director, Department of Transportation

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution/Ordinance, Fiscal Note, Administrative Fund Transfer

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk