

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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DATE: August 16, 2019

TO: Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chair, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County's 2019 Federal Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program Contract Execution

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statute 59.52(31) approval of the County Board is required to enter into a contract that exceeds \$300,000.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Section 5307 Program (49 U.S.C. § 5307) is a formula grant program for urbanized areas providing capital, operating, and planning assistance for mass transportation. This program was initiated by the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 and became the Federal Transit Administration's primary transit assistance program in 1984. Funds are apportioned to urbanized areas utilizing a formula based on population, population density, and other factors associated with transit service and ridership.

Federal Section 5307 funds are available to urbanized areas with a population over one million and these funds are distributed directly to designated recipients. Milwaukee County meets the eligibility requirements of the Section 5307 Program as a designated recipient, and upon execution of a contract, \$20,830,000 is available for Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) capital and operating projects.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no 2019 budgetary impact as the expenditures and revenue for the Section 5307 Program were included in the capital and operating budgets for Transit/Paratransit. Authorization to execute the contract will simply allow Milwaukee County to realize \$20,830,000 in budgeted federal mass transit revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of MCTS capital project WT104 – Employee Parking Lot Replacement at the Fond du Lac Garage, as well as fixed-route and paratransit operations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation requests authorization to enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration for 2019 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant funds and to accept \$20,830,000 in federal grant revenue as a budgeted offset to expenditures.

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