

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** April 20, 2020

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager  
Toneq' McCullough, Director of Transportation

**Council Action Requested:**

Consideration of Items Related to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Program Section 5307 CARES Act Funds:

- a) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into An Agreement with Davidson County Transportation for the distribution of FTA Section 5307 CARES Act Funds;
- b) Annual Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Funds for Project Expenditures
- c) Project Budget Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Funds for Project Expenditures for Davidson County Transportation

**Strategic Focus Area:** Quality Transportation

**Strategic Objective:** No

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds were appropriated to urban areas with more than 200,000 in population and can be used by transit agencies to help to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Winston-Salem's Urban area received an apportionment of funding of \$15,261,567.00.

The City of Winston-Salem is the designated recipient of this funding for the Winston-Salem Urban area. These funds are sub-allocated to 3 transit agencies serving the MPO Urban area, Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA), Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) and Davidson County Transportation.

**Committee Action:**

**Committee**

**Action**

**For**

**Against**

**Remarks:**

WSTA is eligible to receive \$12,389,976 of the total CARE Act Funds appropriated. Davidson County Transportation will receive \$1,009,656 and will serve as a sub-recipient to the City of Winston-Salem for these funds. PART is eligible to receive \$1,861,935. PART will apply for their funds directly when issued a sub-allocation letter.

Eligible activities for these funds include all normal expenses such as planning, capital and operating but they will be reimbursed at 100%, no local match is required. Additionally, the cap on operating expenses has been removed. These funds are available for expenses from January 20, 2020 until expended but Congress can rescind at any time so the sooner we can act on this the better.

The list below were identified by WSTA as possible expenses which can be applied to this grant:

1. PPE such as mask, gloves, hand sanitizer, bottles, disinfectant solution and spray, Clorox wipes, driver protection shields for Fixed Route and Trans-AID, chains to block of seats for social distancing
2. Operating expenses including expenses to reduce and restore services
3. Revenue loss from service reduction and fare free days
4. Salaries for additional temporary staff for disinfecting and cleaning services
5. Salaries- sick paid wages related to COVID-19 (testing, exposures and doctor ordered quarantines)
6. Alternative Transportation for passengers who have been displaced with service reductions such as Taxi Cab Agreement
7. Planning- Architect for renovating administration building to allow space for staff to maintain safe distance while working
8. Equipment such as cameras for desktops to allow Zoom Meetings etc., headsets for all phones, etc.
9. Premium pay for operators
10. Rolling Stock
11. Upgrade to IVR system to allow messaging changes needed for public notification

This item is to appropriate funds for project expenditures for WSTA and Davidson County Transportation. This item is also requesting authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Davidson County Transportation to receive these funds.