

Item Title: FY26 Federal Transit Administration CARES Act Funding Agreement and Funds

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Approves the CARES Act grant agreement between the City of Raleigh and Wake County GoWake Access; and**
- 2. Accepts \$353,000 of additional revenues and expenditures in the Human Services Transportation Fund budget.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Board of Commissioners must approve all amendments that increase the budget for a fund.

Background: In April 2021, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced the release of \$25 billion in CARES Act emergency grant funding to help municipal and regional transit providers cope with rising costs and falling ridership occurring because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Raleigh Urbanized Area's (UZA) apportionment totaled \$36.4 million. Of this amount, Wake County's allocation was \$3,347,971. The remaining balance of these unspent funds is \$353,000.

Wake County will use these funds to replace vehicle cameras, wiring, van radios, and provide additional trips to Elderly and Disabled residents.

Strategic Plan: This action supports Community Health and Well Being Goal 4: By 2029, three out of four residents asked will indicate low barriers to accessing benefits and assistance programs and resources and Inclusive Prosperity Goal 1: By 2029, 5% more residents asked will indicate low barriers to employment, such as access to broadband, childcare, and transportation.

Fiscal Impact: \$353,000 is appropriated in the FY2026 adopted budget for the Human Services Transportation Fund. No additional appropriation is required. There is no matching funds requirement.

Additional Information:

These CARES funds fall under the umbrella of federal formula transit grants apportioned to the Raleigh UZA, and are governed by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CAMPO, the City of Raleigh, Town of Cary, GoTriangle and Wake County. The MOU establishes the methodology or sub-allocation policy of federal formula transit

grants. In the MOU, Wake County (GoWake Access) is designated a sub-recipient of the City of Raleigh for FTA purposes. Accordingly, a grant agreement needs to be approved between the County and the City for these funds. The Raleigh City Council approved the agreement at its meeting on June 16, 2020.

The MOU identifies the City of Raleigh as the designated recipient with pre-award spending authority of federal formula transit grants and the City distributes funds to eligible sub-recipients as approved by a formal authorization of the CAMPO Executive Board. The city, as the UZA's designated recipient, has been allocated FTA CARES Act funding for \$36.4 million. Of this amount, \$3.347 million was Wake County's allocation, and the remaining amount is \$353,000, which is anticipated to be distributed into the following expense categories

Budget Category	Expenditure Items	Quantity	Amount
Operations	Additional trips for the Elderly and Disabled	3,000	\$323,000
Capital	Updated Security Equipment for vehicles, wiring, updated vehicle radios,	24	\$30,000
Total			\$353,000

Attachments:

None.