



Commission Meeting

May 16, 2023

Item Name: GDOT Transit Trust Fund Grant Program (TTFP)

Department: Augusta Transit

Presenter: Sharon Dottery

Caption: Motion to **approve** a grant award between the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and Augusta, Georgia for the GDOT Transit Trust Fund Program. (**Approved by Public Services Committee May 9, 2023**)

Background: The Georgia Department of Transportation Division of Intermodal (GDOT) is excited to announce the launch of a new transit program designed to enhance Georgia's transit network by providing state funding for transit projects. The **5307 Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP)** is administered by GDOT and uses a population-based formula, based on 2020 Census data, to distribute state funding to Georgia's counties with existing transit service to further support public transportation across the state. TTFP funding is distributed to the agencies that provide public transportation for these counties. The grant is for a two (2) year period and funds are subject to annual appropriation and not guaranteed every year.

The GDOT Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) is funded by the Transit Trust Fund (TTF). During the 2020 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 105 (as codified at O.C.G.A. § 48-13-140) establishing fees on for-hire ground transport service, intended to fund transit projects within the State. During the 2021 legislative session, the Georgia General Assembly passed HB 511 (as codified at O.C.G.A. § 48-13-141) establishing the Georgia TTF as a separate fund in the State Treasury, with annual appropriations of for-hire ground transportation fees. The GDOT Commissioner is the trustee of the Georgia Transit Trust Fund.

Subsequently, in the FY2023 Budget, funds were appropriated to the GDOT TTF, to be dedicated for use by one or more transit providers to fund transit projects. The funds allocated by GDOT to the TTFP represent the balance remaining after GDOT (i) retains matching funds for FTA programs it administers (specifically FTA formula grant programs governed by 49 U.S.C. §§ 5303, 5304, 5307, 5311, and 5339), and for select Intermodal TTF projects, and (ii) coordinates with the Atlanta-region Transit Link Authority (The ATL) regarding directed appropriations.

Analysis: Augusta Transit has been awarded \$213,018 thru the GDOT Transit Trust Fund Program for the purchase of capital items. These funds will allow Transit to

purchase a much-needed ADA Paratransit vehicle, a micro-transit vehicle and update tablets.

Attached you will find the

Financial Impact: This grant is 100% funding. Federal \$213.018 State \$0.00 Local \$0.00
Grand Total **\$213,018.00**

Alternatives: Deny request.

Recommendation: Approve submission of the grant application.

Funds are N/A
available in the
following
accounts:

REVIEWED N/A
AND
APPROVED BY: