

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA
New Grant Proposal/Application

Before a Department/agency may apply for the grant/award on behalf of Augusta Richmond County, they must first obtain approval signature from the Administrator and the Finance Director. The Administrator will obtain information on the grant program and requirements from the funding agency and review these for feasibility to determine if this grant/award will benefit Augusta Richmond County. The Finance Director will review the funding requirement to determine if the grant will fit within our budget structure and financial goals.

Proposal Project No. Project Title

PR000587 PLANNING FY 2027 Section 5303 Transit Planning (ARTS)

The APDD is required to submit an application to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Division of Intermodal, to secure federal funds for metropolitan transit planning. Transit planning work tasks are included in the FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program. The funds are included in the proposed 2026 budget for the Planning and Development Department.

Cash match required: Yes 10% (\$26,241.00) Funds are included in the department annual budget.

EEO required - Yes. EEO Notified - Yes.

Start Date: 07/01/2026

End Date: 06/30/2027

Submit Date: 08/13/2025

Department: 074

Planning and Zoning

Cash Match?

Y

Total Budgeted Amount: 262,410.00

Total Funding Agency:

236,169.00

Total Cash Match: 26,241.00

Sponsor: GM0005

Fed Transit Adm

Sponsor Type: PT

Pass thru Federal

Purpose: 24

ARTS -MPO

Flow Thru ID: GM0006 GDOT

Contacts

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Approvals

Type	By	Date
FA	C. VASSAR	08/13/2025

Dept. Signature:

Grant Coordinator Signature:

1.) I have reviewed the Grant application and enclosed materials and:

☒ Find the grant/award to be feasible to the needs of Augusta Richmond County

☐ Deny the request

Finance Director

Date

20 August 2025

2.) I have reviewed the Grant application and enclosed materials and:

☒ Approve the Department Agency to move forward with the application

☐ Deny the request

Administrator

Date

8/21/2025

This form will also be used to provide the external auditors with information on all grants for compliance and certification requirements as required by the State and Federal Government.

Introduction & Funding Distribution

Please refer to the table below to identify Applicant Organization's total available allocation of FY 2027 Section 5303 planning funds.

Considerations

- The amount depicted under "Total Allocation" represents only the Federal funding available to each MPO.
- The proposed project must also include non-federal matching funds of 20% of the total project cost.
- For FY 2027, GDOT has identified state matching funds of up to 10% of the total project cost. Your organization must provide the remaining 10% local match.

For FY 2027, GDOT has identified additional funding availability. Organizations with identified planning project needs beyond their allocation are encouraged to apply for additional funding. All such additional funding requests will be considered according to criteria in Appendix D.

Table 1: Urban Area Population and Section 5303 Allocation Statistics

FY 2027 SECTION 5303 FUNDING DISTRIBUTION Based on 2020 Census URBANIZED AREA (UZA) POPULATION					
MPO	Base Amount	Population 2020 Census*	Population Factor	Population Allocation	Total Allocation
Albany	\$30,000	85,960	1.22%	\$45,352	\$75,352
Athens	\$30,000	143,213	2.03%	\$75,558	\$105,558
Atlanta	\$500,000	5,100,112	72.15%	\$2,690,794	\$3,190,794
Augusta	\$40,000	322,081	4.56%	\$169,928	\$209,928
Brunswick	\$25,000	68,750	0.97%	\$36,272	\$61,272
Cartersville	\$25,000	52,351	0.74%	\$27,620	\$52,620
Chattanooga**	\$4,798	78,160	1.11%	\$41,237	\$46,035
Columbus	\$40,000	205,027	2.90%	\$108,171	\$148,171
Dalton	\$30,000	67,830	0.96%	\$35,787	\$65,787
Gainesville	\$30,000	164,365	2.33%	\$86,718	\$116,718
Hinesville	\$30,000	53,107	0.75%	\$28,019	\$58,019
Macon	\$30,000	140,111	1.98%	\$73,922	\$103,922
Rome	\$30,000	60,403	0.85%	\$31,868	\$61,868
Savannah	\$40,000	309,466	4.38%	\$163,273	\$203,273
Valdosta	\$25,000	76,769	1.09%	\$40,503	\$65,503
Warner Robins	\$30,000	141,132	2.00%	\$74,461	\$104,461
GDOT Administration	\$140,000				\$140,000
Totals	\$1,079,798	7,068,837	100%	\$3,729,484	\$4,809,282
*Population figures match those used in GDOT's PL funding distribution.					
** Chattanooga will not receive any STATE MATCH					
4,809,282	Available for 5303 MPO Planning - FY 2024 (FTA Annual Apportionment)				
(\$1,079,798)	Base Amount				
\$3,729,484	Available 5303 Funds - Distributed via Formula Allocation				

Submission Guidelines

Please use the following guidance in submitting completed Section 5303 grant applications to GDOT.

- Applications should be submitted with the transmittal letter on Applicant Organization letterhead. Authorizing resolutions must be notarized. Both documents should be submitted as scanned attachments with the rest of the application package submitted electronically.
- All other required application materials included in this application packet shall be completed, saved, and returned in digital form.
- Applicants are asked to not change the format of any of the required items in the grant application.

Please Note:

Incomplete and incorrect applications will be returned to the transit agency for corrections. Late submissions will be documented as such; information provided herein will be used as part of the application evaluation upon which, final budgets are based on and awarded by GDOT.

If submitting projects in BlackCat, please adhere to the following:

- The project descriptions must be detailed with project milestones.
- Mentioning name brands in the grant application for any project descriptions is prohibited under FTA procurement guidance.
- Ensure the correct Activity Line Item (ALI) is selected for the project requested.
- Ensure all projects are to the whole dollar (evenly split preferred) with NO PENNIES and CENTS.

Applications will be rejected if these project guidelines are not followed.