

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

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| TO: | Mayor and Councilors |
| AGENDA SUBJECT: | METRA American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Stimulus Funding |
| AGENDA SUMMARY: | Approval is requested to submit a grant application for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stimulus funding in the amount of \$1,000,764.00 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required and to amend the Transportation Fund budget by the amount awarded. |
| INITIATED BY: | Department of Transportation/METRA |

Recommendations: Approval is requested to submit a grant application for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stimulus funding in the amount of \$1,000,764.00 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required and to amend the Transportation Fund budget by the amount awarded.

Background: On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law, providing billions in federal funding to support the nation’s public transportation systems as they continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. METRA was allocated \$1,000,764.00 in ARPA stimulus funds as part of this law. This funding requires no local match and is reimbursed 100% by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Analysis: Funding is projected to be:

FY 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

| FY24 Grant | City (0%) | FTA (100%) | Total (100%) |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| ARPA Capital & Operating | \$0 | \$1,000,764 | \$1,000,764 |

Financial Considerations: The amount of \$1,000,764 that was allocated to METRA through ARPA requires no local match and 100% funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney will review all grant agreements prior to obtaining the City Manager’s signature.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stimulus funding in the amount of \$1,000,764.00 or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required and to amend the Transportation Fund budget by the amount awarded.

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) STIMULUS FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,764.00 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED AND TO AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, under Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 and Section 5339, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation of the United States (USDOT) is authorized to make grants for mass transit planning and capital improvement; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA is the designated the recipient of these transit funds; and,

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA, the public transit operator in Columbus, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of \$1,000,764 was allocated to METRA through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the funding allocated requires no local match and is 100% funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and,

WHEREAS, the local match for these projects will be funded with Transportation Investment Act (TIA) funds; and,

WHEREAS, the shares for this grant program are projected to be:

FY 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

| FY24 Grant | City (0%) | FTA (100%) | Total (100%) |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| ARPA Capital & Operating | \$0 | \$1,000,764 | \$1,000,764 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

(1)

The authorization to apply to FTA on behalf of the City for FY2024 American Rescue Plan Act Stimulus Funding;

(2)

The authorization to execute contracts in accordance with FY2024 expenses and on behalf of the City with FTA and for the purpose of receiving FTA funds should the applications be approved;

(3)

The authorization to execute (or to delegate to the Department of Transportation/METRA) and file with such application any assurance or other documents required by USDOT or FTA in connection with the application, including any assurance concerning the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

(5)

That the Department of Transportation/METRA is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required in connection with the application, and to requisition federal or state funds to reimburse the City for eligible expenses under any resulting grant contract;

(6)

That the DBE Coordinator, as the DBE Affirmative Action Liaison Officer for the City, is authorized to establish and administer DBE policies in connection with the projects procurement needs.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of _____ 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

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| Councilor Allen voting | _____. |
| Councilor Barnes voting | _____. |
| Councilor Begly voting | _____. |
| Councilor Cogle voting | _____. |
| Councilor Crabb voting | _____. |
| Councilor Davis voting | _____. |
| Councilor Garrett voting | _____. |
| Councilor Huff voting | _____. |
| Councilor Thomas voting | _____. |
| Councilor Tucker voting | _____. |

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor