



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
RESOLUTION**

MEETING DATE: 09/03/2024

PRESENTER: Caryl DeVries, P.E., Director of Transportation and Mobility

TITLE: Public Hearing and resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for funding assistance for Fiscal Year 2025 costs related to the Grand Connection program, and accepting funding in the amount of \$170,584 from TXDOT and \$20,000 from Dallas County for the same. The total budget to operate the Grand Connection for Fiscal Year 2025 is \$1,201,017, of which the City will provide matching funding in the amount of \$197,483

REVIEWING COMMITTEE: (Reviewed by the City Council Development Committee on 08/20/2024)

SUMMARY:

<i>Vendor Name</i>
Federal Transit Administration

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

Since its inception in 1988, the City of Grand Prairie Transportation and Mobility program known as The Grand Connection has grown to over 55,900 trips annually with an active fleet of twelve (12) transit buses. The Transit Division of the Transportation Services Department operates various types of programs at no charge for these citizens. These programs include:

- o Nutrition Trip Program--Provides transportation to Dallas County Health and Human Services Nutrition Program at 2975 Esplanade Grand Prairie, Texas
- o Medical/Dental Trip Program--Provides transportation to medical/dental appointments.
- o Dialysis treatments – Grand Prairie Dialysis, Tarrant Dialysis (GP), Fresenius GP Dialysis and DaVita Dialysis Grand Prairie (Clinics)
- o Parkland Hospital – Conover Dr. Grand Prairie and Harry Hines, Dallas (Clinics)
- o Arlington Hospital- Arlington Memorial Hospital (Clinics)

- o Provide transportation to the S. Westmoreland/Illinois DART light rail station on a daily/weekly basis for Clients that have appointments at the Veterans Hospital (VA) in Dallas.
- o Provide trips to the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) for Clients that have appointments in Ft. Worth or Dallas
- o Grocery Trip Program—Provide group transportation to the grocery store on a weekly basis
- o School Program--Provides transportation to local colleges such as TCCC
- o Provides trips to work, only in Grand Prairie

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The following is a breakdown of the funding sources used to operate The Grand Connection.

	Total	Percent	Capital	Planning	Operating
FTA (5310)	\$670,000	55.8%			\$ 670,000
FTA (5307)	\$110,000	9.2%	\$110,000		\$
FTA/ TDC	\$ 32,950	2.7%			\$ 32,950
TXDOT	\$170,584	14.2%			\$ 170,584
CITY	\$197,483	16.4%			\$ 197,483
Dallas County Nutrition	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>1.7%</u>			<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Project Cost	\$ 1,201,017	100%	\$110,000		\$1,091,017

We have secured the following grants/credits for FY 2025: \$170,584 from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and \$20,000 from Dallas County. In addition, the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) has committed \$670,000 for Operating expenditures under the FTA 5310 programs, \$110,000 for Capital expenditures under the FTA 5307 programs, and \$32,950 in Transportation Development Credits to go towards Operating expenditures.

The City is required to provide matching funding in the amount of \$197,483 for FY 2025 for the Grand Connection in order to be eligible for these grants.

By passing this resolution, the City Council would be accepting the TXDOT and Dallas County grants, authorizing the City Manager to submit applications for the FTA grants, and authorizing the City’s matching funding.

ATTACHMENTS / SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- 1- Public hearing notice

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE GRAND CONNECTION PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS PROVIDING ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACT DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE FTA; ACCEPTING FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$170,584 FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) AND \$20,000 FROM DALLAS COUNTY FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATIONAL COSTS RELATED TO THE GRAND CONNECTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR MATCHING FUNDING FROM THE CITY FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,483; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation is authorized to provide grants for a mass transportation program of projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Prairie operates various programs under the umbrella of the Grand Connection program that assist qualified elderly and disabled residents of Grand Prairie with their transportation needs as approved by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City has received funding in the amount of \$170,584 from the Texas Department of Transportation (“TXDOT”) and \$20,000 from Dallas County to be used to assist with Fiscal Year 2025 operational costs related to Grand Connection program; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to authorize the City Manager to submit grant applications with the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) to request assistance with Fiscal Year 2025 operational costs related to Grand Connection program; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provision of Title VI of the City Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires the City to give assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, if said FTA grants are approved, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the City, including matching funding from the City in the total amount of \$197,483 from the City’s FY 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS it is the goal of the City that minority business be fully utilized possible in connection with this/these project(s), and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and file grant applications on behalf of the City of Grand Prairie with the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) to request funding assistance with Fiscal Year 2025 operational costs related to Grand Connection program in the amounts of \$670,000 for Operating expenditures under the FTA 5310 programs, \$110,000 for Capital expenditures under the FTA 5307 programs, and \$32,950 in Transportation Development Credits to be used for Operating expenditures.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute and file with such application an assurance, or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is authorized to execute contract agreements on behalf of the City of Grand Prairie with the U.S. Department of Transportation in relation to grants received from the FTA for Fiscal Year 2025 operational costs related to the Grand Connection program.

SECTION 4. The City Manager is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the Grand Connection’ procurement needs.

SECTION 5. The City of Grand Prairie, Texas hereby accepts funding in the amount of \$170,584 from Texas Department of Transportation (“TXDOT”) and funding in the amount of \$20,000 from Dallas County, to assist with Fiscal Year 2025 operational costs related to the Grand Connection program.

SECTION 6. Funding in the amount of \$197,483 is hereby authorized to be appropriated in Grand Prairie’s FY 2025 Budget as City’s as the City’s matching funding for operational costs related to the Grand Connection program.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.