

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	CR- 032 -2023	A Resolution Concerning Fiscal Year 2024 Federal and State Transportation Grant Application
Draft No.:	2	
Committee:	Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment	
Date:	June 8, 2023	
Action:	FAV (A)	

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable as Amended 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Olson, Dernoga, Hawkins, Ivey, and Watson.)

The Committee convened on June 8, 2023, to review CR-32-2023, which authorizes the Director of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation to file applications for Fiscal Year 2024 for various federal, state, and regional grants. This continuing resolution includes authorization of provisions for a local share (County Match) of cost for certain projects and requires the governing body to authorize the filing of grant applications and formal acceptance of awarded grant funding.

This is an annual exercise that authorizes anticipated local, state, and federal formula and discretionary funding with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and its offices and modal administrations, including the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and Maryland Highway Safety Office, U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U. S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), and its offices and modal administrations including the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the U.S Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) for a variety of state and federal grant programs. CR-32 endorses DPWT's applications for a variety of federal, state, and regional grants, including (but not limited to):

Federal Government

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)

- (1) ADA Operating Fund provides funds to support demand response curb-to-curb transportation for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use traditional; fixed-route public transit

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

- (1) Section 5339 Low or No Emission Bus Program
- (2) Section 5307 Large Urban Program Funds used to offset operating costs for TheBus
- (3) Section 5311 Funds – Federal and State Funds, provides operating assistance to rural service areas, the funds are used to offset a portion of the paratransit (Call-A-Bus) operating costs

(4) Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- (1) Transit Security Grant Program under the Federal Transit Act

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- (1) USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

U.S. Department of Energy

- (1) BIL – Grip Resilience and Innovation Partnership (GRIP)

Maryland Department of Transportation

Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) - under the Federal Transit Act:

- (1) Section 5311 Operating Funds
- (2) the Large Urban Operating Funds
- (3) the ADA Operating Funds
- (4) Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program
- (5) Washington Area Grant
- (6) Ridesharing/Commuter Assistance Programs

Maryland Highway Safety Office:

- (1) Be Seen, Be Alert, Be Safe - A Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Campaign
- (2) Lives Shatter on Impact Wall - Street Smart Display

State Highway Administration (SHA)

- (1) Safe Routes to Schools Program

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC)

- (1) Transportation Land-Use Connections Program
- (2) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program
- (3) Regional Safety Pilot Program
- (4) Enhanced Mobility Program

DPWT staff (Eboni Gatewood-Crenshaw - Associate Director, Victor Weissberg - Major Projects Coordinator, and Canjor D. Reed - Fiscal Coordinator and Chief of Finance) provided comments on the FY 2024 grant application package, which is becoming more streamlined. DPWT requested the following technical amendment language to clarify the resolution’s applicability to any other unanticipated federal, state, or regional funding programs that would require application during Fiscal Year 2024:

On page 1, in line 4, after “file” insert “ applications and formally accept awarded grant funding”. On page 2, in line 26, after “filing” insert “and formal acceptance of awarded grant funding”. On page 2, in line 18, after “Act” insert “and other unanticipated federal and state funding programs that would require the filing of grant applications and formal acceptance of awarded grant funding”.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on CR-32-2023 with technical amendments by a vote of 5-0.