



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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William Cass, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Bureau of Rail & Transit
August 28, 2015

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Transportation to pay the City of Nashua, (Vendor 177441) Nashua, NH, an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to match Federal funds for a compressed natural gas retrofit of the City of Nashua's transit garage, effective upon Governor and Council approval and available until expended. 80% Federal Funds, 10% State Capital, 10% Local Funds.

Funding is available in the State fiscal year 2016 capital budget as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Project Name and Amount. Rows include Capital Projects and Expansion Buildings.

EXPLANATION

The State Capital Budget (Ch. 13-195:XVI-B Public Transit) includes funds to match grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for buses and public transit facilities. The City of Nashua has obtained FTA funds for a compressed natural gas (CNG) retrofit of their transit garage that entails the placement of CNG detectors, an alarm system, exhaust purge fans, louvered replacement air system, an evacuation system at the doorways and the installation of an emergency generator. Federal funds will provide 80% of the estimated total project cost (\$350,000) and the required 20% non-Federal match will be evenly comprised of 10% City funds and 10% State Capital Budget funds. The State Capital Budget funds made available for the project shall not to exceed \$35,000 and pursuant to the provisions of the State Capital Budget, the Department will reimburse the City upon approval of Governor and Council and the submission of an invoice to the Department for the completed work.

The provision of State funds allows public transit agencies to access Federal funds to maintain and expand their capital and infrastructure, such as the proposed modernization of the City's public transit facility. Retrofitting the City's transit garage with a CNG detector and alarm system will provide safety features to monitor and detect gas emissions and allow safer and more modern operation of their public transit services.

The Department has certified that the necessary funds are available. Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,
[Signature]
William Cass, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

Attachment