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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

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Assistant Commissioner

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Bureau of Rail & Transit
March 20, 2019

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Transportation to pay the Manchester Transit Authority (MTA), Vendor 154782, Manchester, NH, an amount not to exceed \$261,722.00 to provide half of the funds required to match Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funds for eligible revenue rolling stock to support the Manchester Transit Authority effective upon Governor and Council approval and available until expended. 100% State Capital Funds.

Funding is available in the State fiscal year 2019 capital budget as follows:

SFY 2019

04-096-096-960030-7547	
Capital Projects	
034-500160 Major Equipment	\$261,722.00

EXPLANATION

The State Capital Budget (Ch. 220: I-XVI-A.3. Public Transit, Laws of 2015), include funds to match grants from the FTA for vehicles, passenger amenities and facilities, and associated transit-related capital equipment. MTA will utilize FTA formula grants to fund 80% of the total cost of four (4) replacement vehicles as well as 80% of the total cost relating to bike and pedestrian improvements for Elm Street in Manchester. Additionally, FTA discretionary grant funds awarded to MTA will fund 75% of the total cost of an additional four (4) replacement buses for a total of eight (8) replacement buses that include ADA paratransit vehicles. MTA applied for the discretionary grant at the lower 75% Federal level to increase their chances of receiving the discretionary funding. State capital funds will provide one-half of the required match up to 10% for eligible capital projects.

The total estimated project costs and detailed breakdown of funding sources and amounts is detailed in the following table:

VEHICLES	Participating Percentage			Total Project Cost	Funding		
	FTA	State	City		FTA	State	City
4 Buses purchased with FTA formula Funds	80%	10%	10%	\$1,170,931	\$936,745	\$117,092	\$117,094

4 Buses purchased with FTA discretionary funds	75%	10%	15%	\$1,246,300	\$934,725	\$124,630	\$186,945
Vehicles Total				\$2,417,231	\$1,871,470	\$241,722	\$304,039

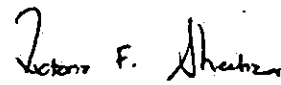
OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS	Participating Percentage			Total Project Cost	Funding		
	FTA	State	City		FTA	State	City
Elm Street Bike Pedestrian Improvements	80%	10%	10%	\$200,000	\$160,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Other Capital Projects Total				\$200,000	\$160,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
PROJECT TOTAL				\$2,617,231	\$2,031,470	\$261,722	\$324,039

State capital budget funds made available for this capital project shall not exceed \$261,722.00 and, pursuant to the provisions of the State capital budget, shall be reimbursed by the Department to MTA upon approval of Governor and Council and the submission of an invoice to the Department for eligible projects.

The provision of State funds assists public transit agencies to access Federal funds to maintain their infrastructure and capital equipment, including a fleet of transit vehicles, in a state of good repair which enables transit systems to operate at optimal efficiency, thus providing the quality of service that riders have come to expect.

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

Sincerely,



Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner