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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Victoria F. Sheehan Commissioner William Cass, P.E. Assistant Commissioner

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and the Honorable Council State House Concord, NH 03301 Bureau of Rail & Transit July 18, 2018

## REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Transportation to pay the City of Nashua, (Vendor 177441) Nashua, NH, an amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 to provide half of the funds required to match Federal Transit Administration grant funds for eligible revenue rolling stock and passenger amenities to support the City of Nashua's Nashua Transit System, effective upon Governor and Council approval and available until expended. 100% Highway 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

\$149,213.00

04-096-096-960030-1673

Capital Projects

034-500160 Major Equipment

\$125,787.00

## **EXPLANATION**

The State Capital Budget (Ch. 220:I-XVI-A.3. Public Transit, Laws of 2015), (HB25) and (Ch. 228:1-XXII:A Aero, Rail, Transit, Laws of 2017) include funds to match grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for vehicles, passenger amenities and facilities, and associated transit-related capital equipment. The City of Nashua will utilize FTA grants to fund 85% of the total cost of replacement vehicles, including ADA paratransit vehicles and CNG buses, and 80% of the total cost of passenger amenities, including bus shelters and the rehabilitation of the downtown Nashua Transit Center. State capital funds will provide up to one-half of the required match for eligible capital projects.

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

Project	Participating Percentage			Funding			
	FTA	State	City	Total Project Cost	FTA	State	City
Replacement Vehicles	85%	7.5%	7.5%	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 2,210,000	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000
Passenger Amenities	80%	10.0%	10.0%	\$ 800,000	\$ 640,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Total	83.8%	8.1%	8.1%	\$ 3,400,000	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000

State capital budget funds made available for this capital project shall not exceed \$275,000.00 and, pursuant to the provisions of the State capital budget, shall be reimbursed by the Department to the City of Nashua upon approval of Governor and Council and the submission of an invoice to the Department for eligible projects. State capital budget funds are also limited to up to one-half of the required local matching funds for the total project cost.

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