



City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	Item Type:		1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
6/3/2020	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution	Ordinance Reading	N/A	N/A
File No.:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20-126	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Advertising Required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Quasi Judicial:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fiscal Impact (\$):	Account Balance (\$):	Funding Source:	Project Number :	
\$2,500,000	NA	Various	TBD	
Contract/P.O. Required	RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	Sponsor Name:	Department:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Greg Chavarria	City Manager's Office	
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial	<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development, Redevelopment and Economic Development	
Implementation Timeline				
Estimated Start Date: 7/1/2020 Estimated End Date: 5/31/2023				

SHORT TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT), FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000; AUTHORIZING POTENTIAL MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS OF UP TO \$2,500,000, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5,000,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN ELECTRIC MINIBUS FLEET AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FDOT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

STAFF SUMMARY:

Summary:

Staff seeks authorization to accept a Service Development Grant Award from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$2.5 million, and to execute any and all related documents.

Background:

The Grants Office, in collaboration with former Transportation Planner Eric Houston, with expert advice from Green Coordinator Alyssa Jones Wood, and with approval from the City Manager, prepared and submitted a Transit Service Development Grant Proposal to the FDOT in June 2019.

The Transit Service Development Program provides resources for local transit agencies to determine whether a new or innovative technique or measure can be utilized to improve or expand public transit services to its constituency. Eligible public transit service development projects specifically include those that involve the utilization of new technologies, services, routes, or vehicle frequencies; the purchase of special transportation services; and other such techniques for increasing service to the riding public.

The primary purpose of the grant proposal was to request financial assistance to fund nine (9) electric buses, ten (10) charging stations, and supporting technology including on-board cameras, free internet WIFI, automated passenger counters, and an ADA sound and visual system to announce stops. This proposal would further enhance the service upgrades proposed by the Development Services Department to the City Commission on June 5, 2019 (*please see Exhibit 5, page 18*). As proposed to the FDOT, the purchase of electric buses would allow the City to better service the Community Shuttle Program routes, primarily by reducing headways and by providing a modernized fleet for residents, tourists, and commuters who depend on, and use public transit to connect to other transit options such as Broward County Transit and Miami-Dade Transit buses, and the Tri-Rail Hollywood Station.

To support the reduction of headways, the proposed project includes two buses per route. Currently, the City's community shuttles operate four routes with five minibuses. There is currently one route with two minibuses servicing it. At this time each route has about a 60-70 minute headway time. The use of nine electric buses is in line with the City's Multimodal Mobility Plan and Mobility Roadmap which recommends the City "adopt a policy to reduce community bus headways to 30 minutes and invest in the system to achieve this goal".

Furthermore, the placement of electric bus technology helps the City meet one of the Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) goals which is to "displace 90% of gasoline/diesel fuels with fuel efficiency or alternative fuels by 2040". In addition to the City's SAP, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has set the goal of cutting emissions by 45% by 2030 and by 100% by 2055. The City mirrors the Intergovernmental Panel on the Climate Change goal of cutting the City's greenhouse gases by the same measures.

Current Situation:

On January 27, 2020, a notification of grant award was received, via email, advising that the City had been awarded a Service Development Grant, and that the proposed project had been entered

into the State Department's Work Program for appropriation in the current year budget. (*please see Exhibit 2 & 3*).

On April 9, 2020, a grant agreement was received for execution (*please see Exhibit 4*). Per awards documents, the City's grant application was approved in the amount of \$2.5 million. Because the funding set aside for this grant award is budgeted in the current State's fiscal year budget, FDOT is urging the City to execute the grant contract before June 30, 2020. This will allow them to authorize the encumbrance of the \$2.5 million to officially fund the grant agreement before the end of the State's fiscal year.

In addition to the grant award, the FDOT is also offering technical assistance, free of charge, to the Hallandale Beach team to ensure that the project is successful from beginning to end. Technical assistance will be provided by heavyweights in the transportation industry. The funder has also expressed the intent to launch this innovative project as a pilot program that could be replicated in other South Florida municipalities.

Grant funded activities, as well as technical assistance, may proceed as soon as a grant contract is fully executed. Grant funds will be appropriated in Fund 150 (Grants Fund).

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01, of the City of Hallandale Beach Charter, Resolutions are to be presented to and adopted by a majority of the Commission. Furthermore, per the FDOT, a resolution of the City Commission authorizing the acceptance of the grant award is required.

Cost Benefit:

The City leverages various funding sources to obtain grants that support and enhance services and projects. An investment in the amount of \$2.5 million will allow the City to form a partnership with the FDOT to launch an impactful \$5 million mobility project that promotes environmental stewardship for a more sustainable future. Upon implementation, immediate benefits include a modernized fleet, enhanced routes, and reduced headways for ridership.

This funding opportunity requires a match in the amount of \$2.5 million. As presented to the City Commission on May 20, 2020, the proposed match includes a potential \$1.8 million contribution from the Community Redevelopment Agency and \$700K from the Transportation Fund. In order to reduce the financial impact, other matching alternatives are being explored to include a capital contribution from Broward County as well as supplemental funding from the FDOT.

PROPOSED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt the attached resolution ratifying the submittal of the Service Development Grant Application; authorizing the acceptance of a grant award; and the execution of any and all grant documents.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Exhibit 1 – Resolution
- Exhibit 2 – Notice of Grant Award
- Exhibit 3 – State Financial Project Overview
- Exhibit 4 – Grant Contract
- Exhibit 5 – Grant Application