



## City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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**File Number:** 2023-1079

**Agenda Date:** November 16, 2023

**Department:** Transportation

**Title:** 2023-1079 Resolution for 49 U.S. Code Chapter 53, Section 5311 Grant Applications (B)

**Department:** Transportation

**Description:** Request for the City Commission to adopt a Resolution required in support of the Regional Transit System application for a Florida Department of Transportation 49 U.S. Code Chapter 53, Section 5311 Grants for Rural Areas Operating Assistance grant. If awarded, this grant will provide assistance with operating costs for rural demand response transportation.

**Fiscal Note:** If awarded, the grant requires a 50/50 match, provided from the FY 2024 transportation service contract with Alachua County. If awarded, those matching funds are allocated in the Department of Transportation, Regional Transit System FY 2024 budget.

**Explanation:** The City of Gainesville's Transportation Department Regional Transit System (RTS) requests approval to submit an application to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for operating assistance. The 5311 Grants for Rural Areas Operating Assistance grant program is administered by FDOT, providing federal funding throughout the state to support specific, identified prioritized transportation needs. Provision of this service to rural areas enables those living outside the City limits to travel for work, health care, and other activities within the City of Gainesville.

Grant applications are due December 15, 2023, and FDOT requires that applying agencies' adopted resolutions are included with the submitted federal grant application packages. If awarded, the grant will provide assistance with costs for demand response for rural area transportation service.

### **Strategic Connection:**

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience

- ☒ Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- ☒ Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

**Recommendation:** The City Commission: 1) adopt a Resolution required in support of the Regional Transit System application for a Florida Department of Transportation 49 U.S. Code Chapter 53, Section 5311 grant for assistance with costs for demand response for rural area transportation service; and 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to execute related Public Transportation Grant Agreement(s) with the Florida Department of Transportation, subject to approval as to form and legality by the City Attorney.