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Resolution for 5311 Grant Application (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to adopt a Resolution to allow the Regional Transit System (RTS) to apply for a 5311 Grant to assist with costs for provision of transportation service in rural sections of RTS fixed route service in areas adjacent to the City of Gainesville and within RTS's service area.

Federal funds are available through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Formula Grants for Rural Areas Operating Assistance. RTS will be applying for funds that if awarded, will provide assistance with costs for fixed route transportation service in the rural areas adjacent to the City of Gainesville and within RTS's service area. 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.

Applications for the grant are due December 18, 2020. FDOT requires that resolutions submitted with Federal grant packages have specific verbiage and be adopted within 30 days of the application due date. RTS is requesting that the City Commission pass the Resolution allowing the application to go forward to apply for much needed support for transportation services.

The funding associated with this type of 5311 grant is for operating costs related to provision of transportation in rural sections of RTS fixed route service, and requires a 50/50 match. RTS is requesting FDOT grant funds in the amount of \$385,540 for a grant total of \$771,080, and the revenue match is provided from the FY21 contract with Alachua County for several routes touching the rural areas.

The City Commission adopt the Resolution.