



City of Racine, Wisconsin
AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: Transit Commission - April 28, 2022

PREPARED BY:

Trevor Jung, Transit Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Consideration of a request sponsored by Alder Jones on behalf of the Transit Manager requesting permission to accept the *ARP Section 5307 City of Racine RYDE Racine Operating Assistance Grant* in the amount of \$3,139,380 to continue transit operations in calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

BACKGROUND:

This grant utilizes Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Section 5307 ARP funding in the amount of \$3,139,380, representing 100% federal shared of the total eligible amount. ARP funding will be utilized by RYDE Racine as it continues to operate with expenses necessary to mitigate and respond to the coronavirus pandemic and its impacts. This operating assistance grant is for the City of Racine's transit system fixed route, commuter, and para transit municipal bus service to sustain continued operations for the calendar years 2022-24 (through 9/30/24). Funds will be used in conjunction with CARES Act, Federal, Local, and State funds according to budget projected operating expenses, to provide continuing operating assistance for RYDE Racine's fixed route, commuter, and paratransit services.

The purpose of grant acceptance would be to continue to provide transit service to the City of Racine and surrounding communities mid and post pandemic. The City of Racine's transit system provides essential transportation services for our residents, businesses, and visitors.

As an operating assistance grant, these dollars shall not be utilized for new construction, construction that involves alterations, rebuild or remanufacture of stations, stops, or vehicles.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$3,139,380 to continue operations in calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024. There is no local match.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the city staff be granted permission to accept the ARP Section 5307 City of Racine RYDE Racine Operating Assistance Grant in the amount of \$3,139,380 to continue operations in calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024.