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TO: DCHC MPO Board
FROM : Anne Phillips, Principal Planner, DCHC MPO
SUBJECT: Non-Competitive (STBGDA and STBG-COVID) Funding Requests

Surface Transportation Block Grants – Direct Attributable provide flexible funding that communities can use to improve or construct roadways, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and to implement transit capital projects.

STBGDA – Local Discretionary

The North Carolina Department of Transportation provided DCHC MPO with revised Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBGDA) and Transportation Alternatives Program Direct Attributable (TAPDA) funding amounts, which has resulted in the increased availability of federal funding for the FY21&22 call for projects. Additional funding has become available due to:

- Prior year closeout
- NCDOT has increased the obligation ceiling for STBGDA and TAPDA funding in FY21 from 90% to 98%

MPO staff applied the local discretionary distribution formula to the revised STBGDA funding available, which has increased funding available to municipalities.

A 20% local match is required for these funds.

Jurisdiction	Total Available
Chatham County	\$17,498
City of Durham	\$264,725
Durham County	\$0¹
Orange County	\$86,600
Town of Carrboro	\$470,204
Town of Chapel Hill	\$650,884
Town of Hillsborough	\$255,518

¹ Durham County uses its STBGDA funds for a planning staff position.

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Agencies have indicated that they would like to use their STBGDA funds as follows:

Agency	Project	S/TIP ID	Requested Amount	Funding Available	Local Match	Total	Phase
City of Durham	Neighborhood Bike Routes II	N/A	\$160,000	\$264,725	\$40,000	\$200,000	Design/CON
City of Durham	Bike Lane Vertical Protection	N/A	\$104,725	\$264,725	\$26,181	\$130,906	CON
Town of Chapel Hill	Fordham Blvd Sidepath	EB-5721	\$250,000	\$650,884	\$62,500	\$312,500	CON
Town of Chapel Hill	NC 54 Pedestrian Safety/Transit Access Improvements	N/A	\$170,000	\$650,884	\$42,500	\$212,500	Design/CON
Town of Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill Transit)	W. Franklin St Bus Islands	N/A	\$230,884	\$650,884	\$57,721	\$288,605	CON

MPO staff recommends that all agencies receive the funding they have requested. Funds not used in this funding cycle will be available for use in future funding cycles.

STBGDA COVID Relief Funds

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro (DCHC) MPO has received \$2,340,706 of Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBGDA) funds as a result of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Although STBGDA funds typically require a 20% local match, stipulations in the CRRSAA do not require a 20% local match. DCHC has chosen to offer these funds with no required local match.

The funds allocated through the CRRSAA must be obligated by September 30, 2024. Any amount that is not obligated will lapse. In addition to being used for STBG eligible costs, these funds can be used for costs related to preventive maintenance, routine maintenance, operations, personnel, including salaries of employees (including those employees who have been placed on administrative leave) or contractors, debt service payments, availability payments, and coverage for other revenue losses.

While these funds may be flexed to transit, NCDOT is trying to determine how this may affect the local match requirement. Local transit agencies have already received CRRSAA funds. CRRSAA funds can be used to replace previously programmed STBG(DA) funds for Locally Administered Projects (LAP), and the requisite local match, as long as the originally programmed funds have not already been obligated.

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Jurisdiction	Funding
Chatham County	\$22,599
City of Durham	\$1,442,230
Durham County	\$57,908
Orange County	\$55,924
Town of Carrboro	\$206,343
Town of Chapel Hill	\$429,255
Town of Hillsborough	\$126,447

Agencies have indicated that they would like to use their STBGDA-COVID funds as follows:

Agency	Project	S/TIP ID	Requested Amount	Phase
City of Durham	NC 55 Sidewalks	EB-5835	\$671,014	CON
City of Durham	Guess Road Sidewalks	EB-5834	\$703,906	CON
City of Durham	Bike Lane Vertical Protection	N/A	\$67,310	CON
Durham County	TBD Governance Study Related to Bike/Ped/Transit	N/A	\$57,908	N/A
Town of Carrboro	S. Greensboro St Sidewalk	C-5650	\$206,343	CON
Town of Chapel Hill	Estes Drive Bike-Ped	C-5179	\$429,255	CON
Town of Hillsborough	Exchange Park Lane Bridge Repairs	N/A	\$126,447	N/A

MPO staff recommends that all agencies receive the funding they have requested. MPO staff will work with member agencies to ensure that funding not requested in this cycle is obligated before the September 2024 deadline.