



City of Galveston

SPECIAL EVENTS STAFF REPORT

October 16, 2020

Brian Maxwell, City Manager
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

Subject: Consider for the approval allowing the set aside of \$60,000 which will be funded from the Island Transit Capital account to support a 20% match for an FTA Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Grant that will supply non-contact payment systems and other updated equipment for the transit operation.

I. Background

- A. Island Transit is seeking a portion of the \$10M grant program that will identify ways to make transit operations more efficient and improve mobility nationwide.
- B. The project we are seeking fits this program in the fact that it will be a contactless payment system, but has the opportunity to be so much more.
- C. Some of the functionality items that Island Transit seeks are:
 - Contactless Payment
 - Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL)
 - Automatic Passenger Counter (APC)
 - Scheduling information that would auto feed into NTD
 - Crowding information for accurate passenger counts
- D. Island Transit plans to seek \$300K, while providing a 20% (standard) match.
- E. This is a competitive grant, so offering a match, will likely assist in getting a higher score.

II. Current Situation

The City Council will have to approve allowing the set aside of \$60,000 which will be funded from the Island Transit Capital account to support a 20% match for an FTA Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Grant that will supply non-contact payment systems and other updated equipment for the transit operation.

III. Alternatives in order of priority

- A. Approve the request.
 - 1. Cost - if awarded, \$60,000





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2. Timing - ASAP
3. Departmental Improvements - will supply needed equipment to increase accountability and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

B. Do not approve the request.

1. Cost - No cost to the city at this time. The chance of being awarded the grant will be decreased.
2. Timing - N/A
3. Departmental Improvements - operations will continue operating as they are now.

IV. Recommendation

Concur in Alternative A and approve allowing the set aside of \$60,000 which will be funded from the Island Transit Capital account to support a 20% match for an FTA Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Grant that will supply non-contact payment systems and other updated equipment for the transit operation.

V. Fiscal Impact Report

Requested by	David Smith Executive Director
Funding Source	Island Transit Capital Account
Savings Estimation	Will increase accountability which will aid in better opportunities for future grants.

VI. Environmental Impact

The systems listed above will follow all TCEQ and EPA standards.

Respectfully Submitted

David Smith
Executive Director

