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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and City Council

CC: Carol Webb, City Administrator
Brian Stineman, Public Works Director

FROM: Amy Fortenbacher, Transit Supervisor

DATE: August 28, 2020

RE: Approve Second Half CARES ACT Funding Contract for Operating Costs

INTRODUCTION:

The City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) has received the second half of the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security) ACT contract for emergency relief related to operating assistance. This is a grant from the FTA (Federal Transit Administration). The contract is for an additional \$374,434.00 for operating expenses to be used until June of 2023. The first half of the contract was for \$575,708.00, and was approved earlier this year making the total contract for \$950,142.00.

BACKGROUND:

The Iowa Department of Transportation secured a grant under 5311 funding from the FTA on behalf of Iowa public transit systems. The City of Muscatine Transit (MuscaBus) is included in this system. The Iowa DOT informed MuscaBus that a portion of the grant could be used for capital expenditures. Since we wanted to make a portion of the grant available for capital expenditures the grant had to be administered in two halves. One for operating and one for capital expense. The first half of the grant has already been submitted and approved and is only for operating expenses (such as payroll, maintenance, cleaning supplies, shortfall in fare collection, etc.) This contract is for the second half of the operating expenses grant.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

It is the recommendation of the Public Works/Transit staff to approve and sign the contract from the FTA for the CARES ACT grant for the amount of \$374,434 to be used for operating expenses. These expenses are 100% grant funded with no required match from the city.