

**CITY OF HYATTSVILLE
RESOLUTION No. 2024-04**

**A Resolution of the City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, whereby the City
Authorizes the Submission of a Grant Application to the Federal Transit
Administration's Enhanced Mobility Program.**

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of Hyattsville joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, and an Age Friendly Initiative Work Group, comprised of City residents who volunteered their time to research, analyze and prioritize actions that would make Hyattsville a more age-friendly and livable community, drafted an Action Plan to improve conditions for people of all ages, with a specific focus on older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, two of the community-driven priorities identified in the Action Plan approved in January of 2019 by the City's Mayor and City Council are "advocating for and implementing increased public transportation for older adults with disabilities – especially on nights and on weekends," and "increasing accessibility for those with mobility limitations and those who use wheelchairs in public areas"; and

WHEREAS, transportation issues significantly affect a person's access to health care services, food and nutrition, social supports, and social engagement and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, because transportation touches upon so many aspects of an individual's life, affordable, adequate and reliable mobility services are vital to healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, providing residents with an adequate mix of transportation options that are accessible, affordable and safe, and information about the availability of such mobility services that fill current gaps, can enhance the well-being, independence, community engagement, and sense of dignity of individuals whom our City serves; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is making two years of funds available for local governments, nonprofit agencies, private providers and transit agencies to solve for the transportation needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is soliciting applications for the Federal Transit Administration's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville applied to the Federal Transit Administration's 2019 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program and received \$339,543.00 in funds to enhance mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities by addressing barriers to transportation services and expanding available mobility services; and

WHEREAS, the current grant application presents an opportunity for the City of Hyattsville to seek additional funding that enhances mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities by securing a second accessible vehicle that was not delivered in the 2019 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program due to global supply challenges, delivery timeline delays, and vehicle price inflation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville, Maryland understands that the projects funded through the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program require matching funds to be provided by the project sponsor or applicant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville, Maryland understands that it must agree to comply with Federal requirements should it be a recipient of funds allocated through the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville, Maryland understands that the application for grant funds is for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the that the program requires grant recipients provide a 20% match for Capital Projects and a 50% match for Operating Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Administrator is authorized to submit and file a grant application for Federal assistance on behalf of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on September 18, 2023, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection, and at which time a public hearing took place.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a Regular Meeting on September 18, 2023, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

Read and passed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Attest/Witness:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

Date

By: _____
Laura Reams
City Clerk, City of Hyattsville

Approved:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

Date

By: _____
Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville