

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	July 1, 2019
Action Required:	Resolutions
Presenter:	Jeanette Janiczek, Urban Construction Initiative Program Manager
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Title:	<b>VDOT Revenue Sharing Program Applications – \$2 million East High Streetscape Signalization, \$300k Route 250 Bypass/Hydraulic Turn Lane Extension &amp; \$3 million Citywide Multi-Modal Improvements</b>

**Background:**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) administers the Revenue Sharing Program to provide additional state funding for localities to improve their transportation network. The Revenue Sharing Grant Application Process has begun for Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022. Under the current program, for each local dollar that the City commits to an eligible project, the state is offering to match it 1:1. A locality may apply for a maximum of \$5 million in matching allocations per fiscal year (\$10 million per biennial cycle) and the maximum lifetime matching allocation per project is limited to \$10 million in matching allocations.

The total amount allocated each fiscal year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board for the Revenue Sharing Program has been approximately \$100 million dollars for the last few years with additional funding redistributed from previously awarded, closed Revenue Sharing projects. In accordance with Virginia Code requirements, funding is awarded based on a priority/tiered system.

Priority 1 – Construction Projects that have previously received Revenue Sharing funding as part of the Program application process.

Priority 2 – Construction Projects that meet a transportation need identified in the Statewide Transportation Plan (VTRANS) or when funding will accelerate advertisement of a project in a locality's capital improvement plan(CIP).

Priority 3 – Projects that address deficient pavement resurfacing and bridge rehabilitation (as described in Appendix E).

Priority 4 – All other eligible projects (projects not meeting priority criteria described above) which include: Construction Projects that provide a new or significantly modified transportation facility; Reconstruction Projects that completely replace an existing facility or

significantly improve the functionality of an existing facility; Improvement Projects that facilitate or enhance traffic flow or safety; and Maintenance Projects.

Based on previous demand from around the state, funding very rarely extends past Priority 2 and is often prorated within Priority 2 (which can increase the local share above 50%).

Staff has not identified any Priority 1 projects, those that have previously received Revenue Sharing funding, in need of additional funding at this time. Below is a discussion of proposed projects that would qualify as Priority 2 and are being recommended for application.

### **Discussion:**

#### FY2021 Grant Applications

1. *East High Streetscape Signalization - \$2 million (\$1 million local, \$1 million state)*

Located within and on the periphery of the Downtown Corridor Urban Development Area (UDA) of VTRANS, this project will improve access to transportation networks beyond the UDA ensuring its qualification as a Priority 2 project.

The East High Streetscape project was awarded \$5.638k in a previously awarded SmartScale application. The submission included the future evaluation of replacement of the following signals but did not include the cost to complete this work: Market Street & 7th Street, Market Street & 9th Street, High Street & 9th Street and 10th Street & East High Street. This project is included within the City's CIP, would upgrade the signals to meet the latest ADA standards and would benefit from efficiencies by completing this work with the streetscape project.

The \$1 million required local match would be a new request in the next CIP.

2. *Route 250 Bypass/Hydraulic Turn Lane Extension - \$300,000 (\$150k local, \$150k state)*

VTRANS identified the need for improved Regional Connectivity to address chronic problems such as bottlenecks and multimodal conflicts around Route 250 ensuring this project's qualification as a Priority 2 project.

The left turn lane from Route 250 eastbound to Hydraulic Road northbound would be lengthened to alleviate the safety issue of stopped vehicles blocking the mainline and eliminating a bottleneck on Route 250. This was part of a previous SmartScale application that also included the following improvements - traffic signal replacement, multi-use trail extension, pedestrian bridge replacement, side street access improvements, box culvert extension, capacity improvements. The application totaled \$6.4 million and was ranked in the middle of the pack at #17 out of 42 projects for the Culpeper District in a previous round. This project would address an immediate safety issue along a heavily traveled corridor located on the National Highway System.

A new CIP request of \$150,000 could be made for matching funds or existing CIP funding could be used as the match.

3. *Citywide Multi-Modal Improvements - \$3 million (\$1.5 million local, \$1.5 million state)*

VTRANS identified the need for Complete Streets and Multimodal Networks to increase accessibility for residents, alleviate potential congestion and allow for more efficient movement of goods/people ensuring this project's qualification as a Priority 2 project. It is also located within the City's CIP.

Several studies have been conducted through the public process to identify priority multi-modal improvements citywide. These studies include:

- Priority Sidewalk projects (through Planning Commission)
- ADA Transition Plan
- ADA Pedestrian Signal Upgrades
- Downtown Pedestrian Intersection Lighting
- 2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Streets That Work
- Strategic Investment Area Plans

The improvements contained within these studies for new sidewalks, bike facilities and ADA improvements could be constructed with this funding – doubling the amount of improvements able to be constructed with matching state funds.

The \$1.5 million required local match would be a new request in the next CIP.

**Alignment with City Council's Vision & Strategic Plan:**

The grant applications would support City Council's Vision Statements of America's Healthiest City and A Connected Community, and 2018-2020 Strategic Plan Goal 3: Beautiful Environment by supporting transportation projects that engage in robust and context sensitive urban planning and implementation (3.1); provide reliable and high quality infrastructure (3.2) and provide a variety of transportation and mobility options (3.3).

**Community Engagement:**

Public participation occurs during each study that produces a planning document, the annual Capital Improvement Program and continues throughout project development.

**Budgetary Impact:**

Represents opportunity to double \$3,650,000 in local CIP funds to receive \$3,650,000 in state grant funding.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the three support resolutions for the following projects:

- FY2021 Grant Applications
1. East High Streetscape - \$2 million

2. Route 250 Bypass/Hydraulic Turn Lane Extension - \$300,000

FY2022 Grant Application

3. Multi-Modal Improvements - \$3 million

**Alternatives:**

The City could reduce or increase the amount of funding sought for Multi-Modal Improvements.  
The City could choose to not submit one or more applications.

**Attachments:**

2 Resolutions

## RESOLUTION

### Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021 Revenue Sharing Program - \$1,150,000

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Charlottesville City Council held on July 1, 2019, on a motion by [name of Council or Board member], seconded by [name of Council or Board member], the following resolution was adopted by a vote of [#] to [#]:

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville City Council desires to submit two applications for an allocation of funds of up to \$1,150,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2020-21, Revenue Sharing Program; and,

WHEREAS, \$1 million of these funds are requested to fund the East High Streetscape Signalization; and,

WHEREAS, \$150,000 of these funds are requested to fund the Route 250 Bypass/Hydraulic Turn Lane Extension; and,

WHEREAS: The City of Charlottesville City Council hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$1,150,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2020-21 Revenue Sharing Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Charlottesville hereby commits to fund its local share of preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction (as applicable) of the project(s) under agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation in accordance with the project financial document(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to execute all agreements and/or addendums for any approved projects with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

ADOPTED this 1st day of July 2019.

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Revenue Sharing Program - \$1,500,000**

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Charlottesville City Council held on July 1, 2019, on a motion by [name of Council or Board member], seconded by [name of Council or Board member], the following resolution was adopted by a vote of [#] to [#]:

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville City Council desires to submit one application for an allocation of funds of up to \$1,500,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2021-22, Revenue Sharing Program; and,

WHEREAS, \$1.5 million of these funds are requested to fund the Multi-Modal Improvements, Citywide; and,

WHEREAS: The City of Charlottesville City Council hereby supports this application for an allocation of \$1,500,000 through the Virginia Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2021-22 Revenue Sharing Program.

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