

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**To:** Jim Scholl, City Manager  
**From:** Rodrigo Delostrinos, Director / KWDoT  
**Date:** November 8, 2018  
**Subject:** Joint Participation Agreement – Block Grant FY2019

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## **Action Statement:**

A resolution to approve execution of the Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) with the State of Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) via Annual Block Grant Program Funding assistance in an amount not to exceed 50% of the total project cost at \$440,506.00, or reimbursement of up to \$220,253.00, in operating assistance.

## **Project History:**

The City of Key West Department of Transportation is tasked with the responsibility of identifying and securing grant funding assistance each year to subsidize the cost of providing a public transit system. Key West is fortunate to maintain Block Grant status as it applies to operating expenses for repair and maintenance.

The State Block Grant Funds are awarded annually by the FDOT and are continued funds until the applicant no longer applies, or ceases to provide similar service. KWT applies for and receives Block Grant Funding on annual basis.

## **Advantages / Disadvantages:**

Advantages include but are not limited to:

- Funding assistance of up to 50% with a maximum reimbursement amount of \$220,253.00, which reduces the City's share of expenses. Please note that while reference is made to a 50/50% match ratio of funding – that does not represent the actual cost of operations; it does reduce the local share, and provides assistance at the maximum level of grant subsidy participation under the Block program.
- The City is required to provide a level of service as it relates to maintenance of maximum safety and accountability which is required of all grant funding programs with regard to safety sensitive positions, system safety of operations and hazard / security program plans mandates.
- The City continues to improve and enhance public transit services while maintaining the least impact to local governments and residents by securing Federal and State funding assistance.

There are no disadvantages at this time. In fact, State and Federal funding assistance is absolutely necessary to continue operation of public transit services in Key West.

## **Fiscal Impact:**

The fiscal impact would provide for shared costs with the State and local government in that the City could receive reimbursement of expenses of up to 50% maximum on related bus service operational costs, or participation of \$220,253.00 in fiscal year 2018-2019.

## **Recommendation:**

Key West Transit staff recommends approval of this resolution to accept, authorize and execute the FDOT Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) for State Block Grant funding assistance during FY 2018 – 2019 period in an amount not to exceed \$220,253.00, so as to realize our reimbursements as soon as possible for this fiscal year.