

July 6, 2021

Ms. Cathy R. Goetz
Escambia County Area Transit Finance Manager
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners
1515 W. Fairfield Drive
Pensacola, FL 32503

Re: Baldwin County 5307 Grant Funding

Dear Ms. Goetz:

The Baldwin County Commission, during its regularly scheduled meeting held on July 6, 2021, approved the acquisition of one (1) transit replacement vehicle to be purchased with 5307 grant funds allocated to Baldwin County Commission under the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization. The transit van will be operated by Baldwin Regional Area Transit System (BRATS) in the Baldwin County service area including the area in the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization jurisdiction.

The Baldwin County Commission/BRATS was allocated \$66,114.00 in grant funds from the Escambia County, Florida, FY2020 5307 Grant for the purchase of a transit vehicle. The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) is the recipient and manager of these funds. BRATS is requesting ECAT purchase a Ford transit van utilizing the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Transit Research Inspection Procurement Services (TRIPS) Contract with Creative Bus Sales Inc. The van will have 3 ambulatory seats and 1 wheelchair securement station. The cost of the vehicle is \$65,904.00. The entire purchase price will be funded with Federal Transportation Administration funds, requiring no matching funds from Baldwin County Commission.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (251) 990-4606 or Baldwin Regional Area Transit System Accounting Manager, Ann Simpson, at (251) 533-0599.

Sincerely,

Joe Davis, III, Chairman
Baldwin County Commission

JD/as/clc

cc: Wayne Dyess
Matthew Brown
Ann Simpson