

Resolution Authorizing and Executing REBUILD Capital Grant Application

Resolution No. _____

Resolution authorizing submittal of the application dated August 30th, 2021 for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant under the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such Grants.

WHEREAS, The provision and improvement of public transportation facilities, rolling stock, equipment and services is essential to the development of safe, efficient, functional public transportation; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Transportation has the authority to make such Grants and makes funds available to offset eligible capital costs required for providing and improving public transportation facilities, rolling stock, equipment and services; and

WHEREAS, Grants for said funds will impose certain obligations upon the recipient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY:

Section 1. That an application be made to the State of Illinois - Department of Transportation, Office of Intermodal Project Implementation for a financial assistance grant under the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such Grants, for the purpose of off-setting eligible public transportation capital costs of Champaign County's rural public transportation system.

Section 2. That the County Executive of Champaign County is hereby authorized and directed to sign and submit such application on behalf of Champaign County

Section 3. That the County Executive of Champaign County is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required by the Department in connection with the aforesaid application for said Grant.

Section 4. That the County Executive of Champaign County is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of Champaign County the Grant Agreement or subsequent Grant Agreement Amendments resulting from aforesaid application.

Section 5. That the County Executive of Champaign County is hereby authorized and directed to sign such documents as may be required by the Department to request payment for the project funding authorized under aforesaid Grant Agreement.

PRESENT and ADOPTED the _____ day of _____, 20__

ATTEST: _____

Title

Title

Appendix C: Opinion of Counsel

Opinion of Counsel

I, the undersigned, am an attorney, licensed by and duly admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois and counsel for and attorney for the Champaign County. In this capacity, my opinion has been requested concerning the eligibility of the Champaign County for grant assistance under the provisions of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois (Act), 20 ILCS 2705-305. You are hereby advised as follows:

1. The Champaign County is an eligible recipient as defined in state regulations.
2. There are no provisions in the Champaign County's charter or by-laws or in the statutes of the State, the United States of America, or any other local ordinances that preclude or prohibit Champaign County from making said application for or contracting with the State for the purpose of receiving a State capital improvement grant.
3. The undersigned has no knowledge of any pending or threatened litigation, in either Federal or State courts which would adversely affect this application, or which seeks to prohibit the Champaign County from contracting with the State for the purpose of receiving a State capital improvement grant.

Based upon the foregoing, I am of the opinion that the Champaign County is an eligible recipient under the provisions of the Act, and that it is fully empowered and authorized to apply for and to accept the grant from the State.

Signature: _____
(Attorney's Name)

Attorney for: Champaign County

Date: _____



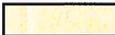
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June 2021

In 2020, as part of the Rebuild Illinois Capital Program, the state of Illinois appropriated funds for the purpose of providing capital grants to downstate public transit agencies. This application has been developed to enable applicable transit agencies to submit their requests for grant funding for the second year of grant awards. To submit your application, please follow the instructions below.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cells are color-coded for data entry as follows:

	User input via typing or selecting from a dropdown
	Autopopulated cell (based on user input)

This workbook contains six (6) color-coded tabs with forms that collect data for different asset categories as follows:

Agency & Project Info Basic information about your agency and the project that you are requesting grant funding for

Project Budget & Schedule High-level budget and schedule for the project that you are requesting grant funding for

Prioritization Questions Questions that provide information to IDOT on the project to support grant funding decisions

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

When complete, save each application using the format **[Agency Name]_[Project Short Name]_[Date Submitted - MMDDYYYY]**
E.g., Champaign_Expansion Bus_07312021

Submit completed applications to the IDOT Transit Capital Bureau by attaching this file in an email to DOT.CH.OIPITransitDocs@illinois.gov

Contact Nicholas Haddad at Nicholas.Haddad@illinois.gov for questions about the Rebuild Illinois Program; or Jared Gulbranson at Jared.Gulbranson@wsp.com for technical questions about the application form.



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PAGE 1: AGENCY & PROJECT INFORMATION

Applicant Agency Name	Champaign County
Agency Type	Rural
Did your agency apply for Rebuild Illinois Transit Capital funding in 2020?	Yes

CONTACT INFORMATION	
Name	Mimi Hutchinson
Title	HSTP Coordinator/PCOM
Agency	Champaign County
Address	1776 E Washington St Urbana, IL 61802
Phone	(217) 766-1160
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Project Type	Vehicles
Project Name	CCARTS Vehicle Replacement
Project Location (city/county)	Urbana, Champaign County
Total Project Budget	\$134,000.00
Total Rebuild Illinois Funding Request	\$134,000.00
List any other funding requested or committed for this project	N/A
If your agency is submitting multiple projects, please provide a priority ranking for this project	1.00

Provide a detailed project description (500 - 2000 characters)	<p>The Champaign County Area Rural Transit System (C-CARTS) would benefit greatly from two replacement medium-duty buses. At present, five C-CARTS vehicles have surpassed the useful life in terms of mileage with an additional two buses projected to reach the replacement benchmark before fiscal year 2023. The current C-CARTS fleet consists of 13 buses total and of those buses five are over the current recommended and CVP mileage replacement cap. Obtaining two replacement buses would greatly reduce C-CARTS maintenance burden in addition to providing the rural areas of Champaign County with up-to-date vehicles. C-CARTS provides deviated fixed-route and demand-response services to rural Champaign County residents. C-CARTS operates a deviated fixed-route in Rantoul from 6am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm. In between those times, C-CARTS provides demand-response services in Rantoul. C-CARTS serves demand-response services from 6am to 6pm for all of rural Champaign County as well. In 2020, C-CARTS served 34,246 trips, an increase of four percent from the previous year even through the COVID pandemic. In addition, C-CARTS holds a contract with the Village of Rantoul in which it provides a deviated fixed route transport around Rantoul and into the Champaign-Urbana urbanized area. The number of rides this system provides yearly is approximately 21,000 and is continuing to grow. When demand-response ridership is included, the number of rides increases to approximately 31,000. The Rantoul service covered approximately 154,425 miles in Fiscal Year 2020. If a single bus is dedicated to this route, the bus will reach its useful life for mileage in less than 2 years. Due to COVID social distancing requirements, C-CARTS has sent a second overflow bus during peak hours to ensure continued reliable service at the cost of increasing mileage and wear on the vehicle. Thus, there is a high need to replace more buses before the end of fiscal year 2022.</p>
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Project Status / Readiness - Describe project planning or development efforts completed to prepare your project for rapid implementation	<p>C-CARTS consistently monitors and updates its vehicle use information. As of the end of FY21, 8.3 percent of C-CARTS vehicles had reached their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) and 3-4 vehicles were set to be replaced using CVP funding. Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) are tracked in conjunction with all ULB data so that the agency is aware of the condition and specific needs of each individual vehicle. Since specific vehicle needs have already been determined, C-CARTS will be able to rapidly replace two vehicles once the grant is awarded.</p>
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Use the table below to identify any risks related to your project and mitigation actions.

Risk	Impact	Mitigation
Delivery delay		C-CARTS would continue to fully utilize its current fleet during a delivery delay so as not to interrupt
Material cost increases		C-CARTS would work in conjunction with IDOT to formulate a financing plan in the case of vehicle cost



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PAGE 4: TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT, COORDINATION, & SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Was the project included in the Capital Needs Assessment?	Yes
If yes, please select your project from the list.	1. Vehicles; Medium-Duty (14-pass); 1FDEE4FL9EDA86288; \$189891.17; 2021; Champaign County
CNA Priority Score	65.19
If this grant request includes more than one CNA project, indicate that here providing identifying information (e.g. VIN, priority score, etc.)	1. Vehicles; Medium-Duty (14-pass); 1FDEE4FL0EDA86292; \$189891.17; 2021; Champaign County. Priority Score: 65.19

Is your project identified in a board / commission / council transportation planning document?	Multiple Planning Documents (explain)
Provide documentation, where applicable. Use the space on the right to indicate filenames for your supporting documentation.	Champaign County Regional Planning Commission's LRTP focuses heavily on multimodal connectivity. Robust rural transit service strengthens multimodal connectivity by providing greater access to jobs, education, healthcare, and other opportunities across the county. Our LRTP builds on this

Does your project replace an existing revenue vehicle, passenger amenities, or equipment to maintain your transit services and customer experience?	Yes
If yes, provide identification for the asset(s) being replaced (e.g. vehicle VIN, asset ID, etc.).	1FDEE4FL9EDA86288, 1FDEE4FL0EDA86292

Does your project improve a facility condition? (i.e. facility rehabilitation, roof replacement, HVAC repair/replace, parking lot repaving, etc.)	No
If yes, provide identification for the asset(s) being replaced (e.g. facility name, asset ID, etc.).	



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PAGE 5: NEW OR EXPANDED SERVICES

Does your project include elements that will expand passenger <i>accessibility</i> to transit services? (e.g. ADA improvements, sidewalks to stops, bike/ped connections, customer communication improvements)	No
If yes, please explain	

Does your project expand <i>mobility</i> choice for passengers? (e.g. fleet expansion for new service, real-time next bus arrival information, mobile fare payment, capital facilities to support new service, etc.)	No
If yes, please explain	

Does your project improve <i>efficiencies</i> or passenger experience? (e.g. scheduling or dispatch software, safety/security upgrades, passenger amenities, planning tools, etc.)	No
If yes, please explain	

Does your project include construction of a new facility or service? (e.g. transit centers, bus rapid transit elements, new facilities, vehicle storage facility, fuel/charging station, right-of-way acquisition, etc.)	No
If yes, please explain	



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PAGE 6: INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

Does your project incorporate alternative fuel vehicles or related fueling/charging infrastructure?

No

If yes, please explain

[Empty yellow box for explanation]

Does your project incorporate sustainable elements (e.g. solar power, recycled materials, alternative fuel vehicles, LEED Certification, geothermal heating, etc.)?

No

If yes, please explain

[Empty yellow box for explanation]

Does your project include performance base or efficiency improving software/hardware?

No

If yes, please explain

[Empty yellow box for explanation]