

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ITEM

ITEM: Grant application for Alternative “Clean” Fuel Buses
DATE: 1/12/01
PREPARED BY: Susan Brassfield, Stan Balicki
PURPOSE: Place on the agenda for the February 20th Council meeting for resolution authorizing submittal of application to the Chicago Area Transportation Study

DISCUSSION:

Financial Services, on behalf of the Village of Downers Grove, is recommending the submission of the FY2002 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program grant to the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS). A stipulation of the CMAQ grant requires a local match of 20% of the total project cost. The total estimated project cost for the replacement of two of the Village’s 1992, 47 passenger Gillig Phantom transit coaches with smaller 35 foot compressed natural gas coaches is \$250,000 of which the Village is required to provide \$50,000 as the match. The Village share is expected to be funded from account (478.968.0000.5921) in 2002/2003 budget year. The goal of this bus replacement project above and beyond the standard replacement schedule is to improve air quality benefits by reducing tailpipe emissions. Many transit providers have used CMAQ funds for switching to alternative fuel vehicles. The Village continues to seek other appropriate grants to support the replacement of its vehicles.

This is the fifth grant that the Village of Downers Grove has submitted since the hiring of the Grants Coordinator.

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 1: Resolution

RECOMMENDATION:

The approval of this grant application by resolution is recommended and a copy of the resolution is attached for your review.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CHICAGO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY FOR THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove, an Illinois municipal corporation, has developed grant application FY 2002 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program for funding in the total amount of \$200,000.00 for the purchase of two natural gas buses; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has reviewed said grant application and authorized the filing of said application with the Chicago Area Transportation Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the Village of Downers Grove submit the FY 2002 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program application of the Village of Downers Grove in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the purchase of two natural gas buses to the Chicago Area Transportation Study.

2. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk