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AGENDA ITEM 4b
HCAOG Board Meeting
February 20, 2025

DATE: February 5, 2025
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Debbie Egger, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **FY 2025-26 Transportation Development Act Local Transportation Fund Apportionment**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

Motion to be approved by consent:

“I move that the PAC recommend that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 25-02 approving the FY 2025-26 Local Transportation Fund Apportionment.”

Staff Summary:

Local Transportation Funds (LTF) are a component of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding that is derived from a ¼ cent of the general sales tax collected statewide. It is the main source of funding for transit operators in the region. If all transit needs are met within a jurisdiction, any funds not used on transit related activities may be used for bicycle, pedestrian, or road purposes. Qualifying transit needs are identified through HCAOG's annual Unmet Transit Needs process.

On an annual basis, the County Auditor is required to provide an estimate of the upcoming fiscal year's estimate before January 31. The Humboldt County Auditor's estimate of LTF funds for Fiscal Year 2025-26 is \$5,898,400 which is a decrease of \$108,930 from the 2024-25 estimate.

Out of this estimate the first and second priority, based on HCAOG's adopted Rules and Regulations, allocates funds to the County Auditor (\$4,000) and to HCAOG (\$500,000) for administration and planning needs. LTF are one of the main sources of HCAOG's annual budget.

The increase in the total amount requested for HCAOG administration this fiscal year is due to a projected increase in the cost of the required TDA Fiscal and Compliance Audits.

Of the remaining funds available the third and fourth priority are met. The third priority being the Pedestrian and Bicycle 2% set aside (\$107,888) and the fourth priority funding the regional Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) administrative costs and the region's supplemental Dial-A-Ride (combined total \$252,101).

The following table provides a comparison with the previous fiscal year apportionment:

	FY 2024-25 Estimates	FY 2025-26 Estimate	Difference
County Auditor Estimate	6,007,330	5,898,400	(108,930)
Auditor Controller Payment	(4,000)	(4,000)	-
HCAOG Administration & Planning	(464,300)	(500,000)	35,700
Available for Article 3 Allocation (2%)	5,539,030	5,394,400	(144,630)
Article 3 2% Bike and Ped Set Aside	(110,781)	(107,888)	(2,893)
CTSA Administration	(137,243)	(141,361)	4,118
Dial A Ride Contract	(139,709)	(132,639)	7,070
Estimated Amount Available to Jurisdictions	\$ 5,151,297	\$ 5,012,512	(138,785)

Once all off-the-top allocations are deducted, the remaining balance is apportioned to the County and cities based on population estimates provided by the Department of Finance.

Jurisdiction	<u>Dept. of Finance Population Projection</u>	% of Total Population	Estimated FY 2025-26 Apportionment
Arcata	18,540	13.93%	698,212
Blue Lake	1,149	0.86%	43,271
Eureka	26,073	19.59%	981,903
Ferndale	1,356	1.02%	51,067
Fortuna	12,181	9.15%	458,733
Rio Dell	3,241	2.44%	122,055
Trinidad	294	0.22%	11,072
Humboldt County	70,266	52.79%	2,646,200
Total	133,100	100.00%	\$ 5,012,512

After approval of the apportionment, jurisdictions will submit claims in conformance HCAOG's adopted Transportation Development Act Rules and Regulations, which establish eligible programs and priority uses for this funding.