

**Local Commuter Bus Assistance, Maryland Economic Development Assistance
Authority, Department of Commerce**
\$8.0 Million (T00F00.23)

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

Funding is provided for the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund to assist entities that have lost State or local funding because of the COVID-19 pandemic: private commuter and shuttle bus operators, including entities that provide commuter and shuttle bus services contractually to government entities, and locally operated transit systems.

April 21 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- The Department of Commerce (Commerce) sent grant agreements to the six eligible companies on March 22, 2021.
 - As of April 14, 2021, all six companies have returned their grant agreements and the companies are:
 - Atlantic Coast Charters (ACC);
 - Academy Express, LLC;
 - Eyre Bus Service;
 - Dillion's Bus Service;
 - Keller Transportation; and
 - Martz/Gold Line.

April 21 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- None at this time.

April 21 - Distribution of Funds:

- Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and Commerce discussed the best way to distribute the funds, with MTA suggesting funds be distributed by reflecting how much each company provides to support 100 percent of the Commuter Bus Service to the State.
- The Department of Transportation contractors eligible for funding include:
 - Academy Express, LLC (24.25%) - \$1,940,000;
 - ACC (8.98%) - \$718,400;
 - Dillon's Bus Service (24.57%) - \$1,965,600;
 - Eyre Bus Service (1.57%) - \$125,600;
 - Keller Transportation (17.64%) - \$1,411,200; and
 - Martz/ Gold Line (22.99%) - \$1,839,200.
- Funds are expected to be distributed by early May.

Source: Department of Commerce, Department of Budget and Management