

City of Alexandria, Virginia
FY 2026 Proposed Operating Budget & CIP
Budget Questions & Answers

March 26, 2025

Question:

What projects in the first five years of the proposed CIP are reliant upon funding from federal sources such as grants? Specifically, which projects are reliant upon funds that we have not yet received?

Response:

Attachment 1 included with this response lists all projects with Federal funds within the initial five-year time frame of the Proposed CIP (FY 2026 – FY 2030). For each project, it is indicated if the Federal funds have either been: adopted; obligated; signed grant agreement executed; or, funding not yet received.

Adopted funds represent the initial phase where the federal agency formally incorporates the City's grant award into its internal budget processes for financial planning. This signifies the agency's official decision to allocate these funds to the City for a particular purpose and in a specific year or timeframe. It's an internal acknowledgment and approval within the federal agency's financial framework that the grant funding is ready to be obligated for the City. This adoption of funds serves as a necessary preliminary step before the subsequent legal commitment can be established.

Obligated funds mark the subsequent stage to adoption where the federal agency legally binds itself to provide the grant funding to the City. This legal commitment is solidified through the formal signing of a grant agreement and its associated contract appendices by both parties. This agreement details the specific guidelines that the City must adhere to in its utilization of the grant funding and explicitly outlines the permissible activities for which the City can expend these obligated federal funds.

The following projects within the Proposed FY 2026 – FY 2035 CIP for the initial five-year period are identified as being partially or fully reliant on federal funding that has not yet been received:

Public Transit:

- Duke Street and Route 1 Safety Improvements
- DASH Bus Fleet Replacements
- DASH Fleet Expansion and Electrification

Smart Mobility:

- Smart Roadway Management

Streets & Bridges

- Bridge Repairs
- Street Reconstruction & Resurfacing of Major Roads

Non-Motorized Transportation:

- King Bradlee Safety and Mobility Enhancements

[Attachment 1- Federal Funding and Approval Status in First 5 Years of CIP](#)