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Mr. McGinley,

I understand that Luzerne County Council is going to be discussing American Rescue Act funds, that regulations state it can be used for transportation. I have reached out to Carbon and Schuylkill Counties with the attached letter. I am hoping Luzerne County would reconsider their Local Match decision for Hazleton Public Transit. Thank you.

Ralph V. Sharp

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November 17, 2021

Wayne E. Nothstein, Chairman
Carbon County Commissioners
P.O. Box 129
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

Barron L. Hetherington, Chairman
Schuylkill County Commissioners
401 North Second Street
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Dear Commissioners:

Hazleton Public Transit has been providing Public Transit Bus and Paratransit Van Services within the Counties of Carbon, Luzerne and Schuylkill for many decades. As a recipient of state operating funds, Hazleton Public Transit is required to have a local match in place in order to receive state operating funds which are utilized to operate the service. The required local match amount for this fiscal year is \$189,038.00

As you may know, our agency has been presenting the need for local match before Luzerne County Council each year and they have been the sole provider of the local match. Luzerne County, like most communities, is striving to meet budget goals. We are being asked to reach out to the other communities that receive the benefit of our service and to ask each to consider assisting with the local match requirement. To assist in your consideration, our agency has developed a suggested amount that would directly relate to the amount of service provided in your county.

We have become aware that American Rescue Act regulations state that funding can be used for transportation. We are respectfully asking for your consideration in funding the amount listed below to assist in matching the costs to provide transportation to the population in your respective counties.

Hazleton Public Transit staff based the matching fund amount using total revenue miles that occur within each County and utilized the percentage to determine the amount of local match that correlates to the service provided. In doing so, the percentage of service to each area and the local match amount is listed as follows:

Carbon County	8.9%	\$ 16,824
Luzerne County	89.3%	\$168,811
Schuylkill County	1.8%	\$ 3,403

Today, we are requesting that you consider funding the local match portion that correlates to the service provided to your respected area. Please do not hesitate to contact me if should have any questions or require further information in regard to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph V. Sharp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "S".

Ralph V. Sharp, Director
City of Hazleton - Hazleton Public Transit

cc: Romilda Crocamo, Acting County Manager, Luzerne County Council
Tim McGinley, Council Chair, Luzerne County Council