

**County of Milwaukee**  
**Interoffice Communication**

**DATE:** March 23, 2017

**TO:** Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman, Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee

**FROM:** Brian Dranzik, Director, Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT:** Milwaukee County Administration of the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program within the Milwaukee Urbanized Area.

POLICY

Authorization is required to apply for, accept, execute contracts, and administer Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310 Program) grant funds for awardees within the Milwaukee Urbanized Area from Federal Fiscal Year 2015 (FFY 2015) funds.

BACKGROUND

*History*

On December 4, 2015, the current federal transportation authorization legislation Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) was signed into law and continues the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310 Program) authorized under the previous federal transportation authorization legislation – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21).

The Section 5310 Program provides federal funds to help eligible entities purchase vehicles and other capital items to transport seniors and persons with disabilities, as well as to expand transportation mobility options for persons with disabilities. These funds can be used for operating or capital assistance, and are available to private non-profits or government agencies. According to FTA requirements, at least 55 percent of the Section 5310 funding apportionment must be used for capital expenses for public transportation projects that are planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities (i.e. traditional Section 5310 capital projects).

The remaining 45 percent of the funds may be used for operating or capital expenses associated with:

- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed route transit service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit
- Alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities

In December of 2013, the County Board was informed (File No. 13-857) that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) had recommended Milwaukee County as the sole designated recipient for the Section 5310 funds in the Milwaukee urbanized area that includes Ozaukee, Washington, Waukesha and Milwaukee counties. Milwaukee County was thereafter officially appointed as a designated recipient of Section 5310 funds by the Governor on December 9, 2013. As the designated recipient, Milwaukee County is responsible for administering grant agreements, monitoring compliance

of subrecipients applying for federal funds, and satisfying documentation and reporting requirements to the FTA.

**Organizations Recommended for Award**

SEWRPC is responsible for ensuring a fair distribution of Section 5310 funds to recipients and subrecipients throughout the Milwaukee urbanized area by managing a competitive process for selecting and prioritizing projects for funding. FTA mandates that organizations requesting capital and operating assistance provide a minimum of 20 percent and 50 percent match respectively. Through a competitive grant solicitation due August 15, 2016, SEWRPC has reviewed and evaluated the applications of, and recommended the following organizations for award with expenditure authority and offsetting revenue totaling \$1,814,785. The revenue is comprised of \$1,348,232 federal and \$466,553 of local match from the awardee organizations.

Organization	County	Project Type	Capital or Operating	Federal	Local	Estimated Total
Away We Go Transport, Inc	Ozaukee	(1) Conventional Bus	Capital	\$ 109,120	\$ 27,280	\$ 136,400
		(1) Large Bus Honeycomb		\$ 86,240	\$ 21,560	\$ 107,800
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	(1) Minivan Rear Load	Capital	\$ 29,920	\$ 7,480	\$ 37,400
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	Mobility Management and Travel Coordination Activities	Mobility Management (80%)	\$ 31,200	\$ 7,800	\$ 39,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	Volunteer Driver Salaries	Operating	\$ 81,940	\$ 81,940	\$ 163,880
Interfaith Senior Programs	Waukesha	Mobility Management and Travel Coordination Activities	Mobility Management (80%)	\$ 70,661	\$ 17,665	\$ 88,326
Interfaith Senior Programs	Waukesha	Volunteer Driver Salaries	Operating (50%)	\$ 84,556	\$ 84,557	\$ 169,113
Interfaith Senior Programs	Waukesha	Non-Vehicle Capital	Capital	\$ 58,800	\$ 14,700	\$ 73,500
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	(1) Minivan Rear Load	Capital	\$ 29,920	\$ 7,480	\$ 37,400
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	Mobility Management and Travel Coordination Activities	Mobility Management (80%)	\$ 4,171	\$ 4,172	\$ 8,343
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	Volunteer Driver Salaries	Operating	\$ 38,670	\$ 40,179	\$ 78,849
Harry and Rose Samson Jewish Community Center	Milwaukee	(3) Medium Bus Low Floor	Capital	\$ 266,640	\$ 66,660	\$ 333,300
Milwaukee County	Milwaukee	Mobility Management and Travel Coordination Activities	Mobility Management (80%)	\$ 240,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 300,000
United Community Center	Milwaukee	(2) Medium Bus - Gas	Capital	\$ 100,320	\$ 25,080	\$ 125,400

FISCAL NOTE

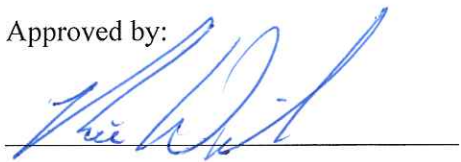
Execution of this grant with the FTA is contingent upon approval of the attached resolution as well as a 2017 operating budget appropriation transfer which has also been submitted for separate consideration. The fund transfer has no tax levy impact and simply creates expenditure authority and offsetting revenue in the amount of \$1,814,785 for this program in the 2017 Operating Budget for the MCDOT Director's Office where the program oversight and administration will take place. This amount also includes \$116,074 in FTA funds that will be received by the Director's Office for administration of this program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation requests authorization to apply for, accept, and execute contracts with the organizations (including the Milwaukee County award) detailed in this memorandum who are awardees of Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Section 5310 Program grant funds from the Federal Transit Administration. Once approved, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation will subsequently oversee the administration of the program in order to ensure that funded organizations comply with federal rules and regulations for Federal Transit Administration grant programs.

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