

County of Milwaukee Interoffice Communication

DATE: March 19, 2021

TO: Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Chair, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, 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 2019 and 2020 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 21st Century (MAP-21).

The Section 5310 Program provides federal funds to help eligible entities purchase vehicles and other capital items to transport seniors and people 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 Americans with Disabilities Act
- 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 and Waukesha 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 process completed August 28, 2020, SEWRPC has reviewed and evaluated the applications of, and recommended the following organizations for award for calendar years 2021 and 2022:

Milwaukee County Section 5310 Projects - 2021						
Organization	County	Description	Project Type	Federal	Local	Estimated Total
Away We Go	Ozaukee	(2) Minivan Rear Entry	Capital	\$ 65,600	\$ 16,400	\$ 82,000
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$ 51,593	\$ 12,899	\$ 64,492
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Operating - Find A Ride	Operating	\$ 98,495	\$ 98,495	\$ 196,990
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Operating - Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$ 68,228	\$ 68,229	\$ 136,457
Interfaith - Ozaukee Co	Ozaukee	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$ 96,368	\$ 24,092	\$ 120,460
Interfaith - Ozaukee Co	Ozaukee	Operating - Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$ 59,817	\$ 62,843	\$ 122,660
Interfaith - Washington Co	Washington	(2) Minivan Rear Entry	Capital	\$ 65,600	\$ 16,400	\$ 82,000
Interfaith - Washington Co	Washington	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$ 80,794	\$ 20,214	\$ 101,008
Interfaith - Washington Co	Washington	Operating - Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$ 56,110	\$ 56,115	\$ 112,225
Milwaukee County (MCTS)	Milwaukee	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$ 244,455	\$ 61,127	\$ 305,582
Milwaukee County Dept-Aging	Milwaukee	Mobility Management Coordinator	Mobility Management	\$ 87,088	\$ 21,772	\$ 108,860
Seniors on the Go	Waukesha	(1) Minivan Rear Entry	Capital	\$ 32,800	\$ 8,200	\$ 41,000
United Community Center	Milwaukee	(2) Medium Bus - Gas	Capital	\$ 99,200	\$ 24,800	\$ 124,000

Milwaukee County Section 5310 Projects - 2022						
Organization	County	Description	Project Type	Federal	Local	Estimated Total
Away We Go	Ozaukee	(1) Minivan Rear Entry	Capital	\$ 34,112	\$ 8,528	\$ 42,640
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$ 57,860	\$ 14,466	\$ 72,326
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Operating - Find A Ride	Operating	\$ 86,140	\$ 86,140	\$ 172,280
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Operating - Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$ 69,593	\$ 69,593	\$ 139,186
Interfaith - Ozaukee Co	Ozaukee	(2) Minivan Rear Entry	Capital	\$ 68,224	\$ 17,056	\$ 85,280
Interfaith - Ozaukee Co	Ozaukee	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$ 113,685	\$ 28,421	\$ 142,106
Interfaith - Ozaukee Co	Ozaukee	Operating - Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$ 43,667	\$ 43,125	\$ 86,792
Interfaith - Washington Co	Washington	(2) Minivan Rear Entry	Capital	\$ 68,224	\$ 17,056	\$ 85,280
Interfaith - Washington Co	Washington	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$ 85,829	\$ 21,489	\$ 107,318
Interfaith - Washington Co	Washington	Operating - Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$ 47,229	\$ 47,232	\$ 94,461
Milwaukee County (MCTS)	Milwaukee	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$ 249,430	\$ 62,367	\$ 311,797
Milwaukee County Dept-Aging	Milwaukee	Mobility Management Coordinator	Mobility Management	\$ 84,750	\$ 21,188	\$ 105,938
Milwaukee Regional Medical Center	Milwaukee	Sidewalk-Bus Stop-Curb Ramp Construction	Capital	\$ 66,000	\$ 16,500	\$ 82,500
United Community Center	Milwaukee	(1) Medium Bus - Gas	Capital	\$ 51,584	\$ 12,896	\$ 64,480

FISCAL NOTE

Execution of this grant with the FTA is contingent upon approval of the attached resolution as well as a 2021 operating budget fund transfer which has also been submitted for consideration. The fund transfer has no financial impact and simply creates expenditure authority for this program in the 2021 Operating Budget for the MCDOT Director's Office where the program oversight and administration will take place. The Director's Office will receive \$248,052 in FTA funds 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 2019 and 2020 Section 5310 Program grant

funds from the Federal Transit Administration, and that the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of the Comptroller be authorized to execute an administrative fund transfer to establish expenditure authority and recognize revenues as detailed in this report. 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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