

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

**DATE:** June 5, 2018  
**TO:** John F. Weishan, Jr. Chairperson, Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee  
**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 2016 (FFY 2016) 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 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 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 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 due August 28, 2017, SEWRPC has reviewed and evaluated the applications of, and recommended the following organizations for award:

Organization	County	Project Type	Capital/ Operating	Federal	Subrecipient Share	Estimated Total
Milwaukee County	Milwaukee	Mobility Management & Travel Training	Mobility Management	\$ 205,081	\$ 51,270	\$ 256,351
Community Care	Milwaukee	(1) Minibus Dual Axle - Gas	Capital	\$ 44,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 55,000
Milwaukee Center for Independence	Milwaukee	(1) Medium Bus - Gas	Capital	\$ 47,200	\$ 11,800	\$ 59,000
Balance, Inc	Ozaukee	(1) Minivan Rear Entry	Capital	\$ 28,800	\$ 7,200	\$ 36,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	(1) Minivan Side Entry	Capital	\$ 28,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 35,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	Mobility Management & Education Programs	Mobility Management	\$ 30,670	\$ 7,668	\$ 38,338
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$ 69,382	\$ 69,383	\$ 138,765
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	(1) Minivan Rear Entry	Capital	\$ 28,800	\$ 7,200	\$ 36,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	Mobility Management & Travel Training	Mobility Management	\$ 54,116	\$ 13,551	\$ 67,667
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$ 42,009	\$ 42,015	\$ 84,024
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	(1) Minivan Rear Entry	Capital	\$ 28,800	\$ 7,200	\$ 36,000
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Mobility Management & Travel Information	Mobility Management	\$ 71,955	\$ 17,989	\$ 89,944
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Develop One-Call One Click System (Mobility Management)	Mobility Management	\$ 141,521	\$ 35,380	\$ 176,901
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$ 74,018	\$ 74,019	\$ 148,037



FISCAL NOTE

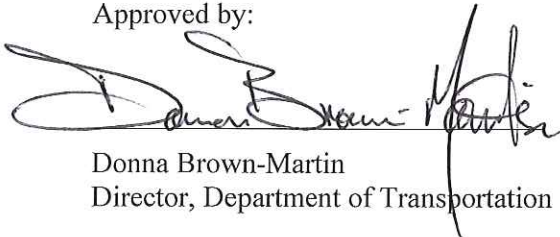
Execution of this grant with the FTA is contingent upon approval of the attached resolution as well as a 2018 operating budget fund transfer which has also been submitted for consideration. The fund transfer has no financial impact and simply creates expenditure authority for this program in the 2018 Operating Budget for the MCDOT Director's Office where the program oversight and administration will take place. The Director's Office will receive \$117,497 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 2016 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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