

County of Milwaukee

Interoffice Communication

DATE: March 22, 2019

TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, 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 2017 and 2018 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 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 process completed September 17, 2018, SEWRPC has reviewed and evaluated the applications of, and recommended the following organizations for award for calendar years 2019 and 2020:

Milwaukee County Section 5310 Projects - 2019						
Organization	County	Project Type	Capital or Operating	Federal	Local	Estimated Total
Milwaukee County	Milwaukee	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$178,971	\$44,743	\$223,714
Community Care	Milwaukee	(1) Minibus Dual Axle - Gas	Capital	\$43,200	\$10,800	\$54,000
Milwaukee Center for Independence	Milwaukee	(1) Medium Bus - Honeycomb	Capital	\$53,600	\$13,400	\$67,000
Away We Go Transport, Inc	Milwaukee, Ozaukee	(2) Minivan Rear Load	Capital	\$59,200	\$14,800	\$74,000
Balance, Inc	Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Washington	(2) Transit/ Bariatric Vehicles	Capital	\$84,800	\$21,200	\$106,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$56,160	\$14,040	\$70,200
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$64,666	\$64,666	\$129,332
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	(2) Minivan Rear Load	Capital	\$59,200	\$14,800	\$74,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$67,541	\$16,889	\$84,430
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$44,821	\$44,829	\$89,650
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	(1) Minivan Rear Load	Capital	\$29,600	\$7,400	\$37,000
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$73,448	\$18,363	\$91,811
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Mobility Management (Find-a-Ride Network)	Mobility Management	\$171,542	\$42,885	\$214,427
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$69,103	\$69,103	\$138,206

Milwaukee County Section 5310 Projects - 2020						
Organization	County	Project Type	Capital or Operating	Federal	Local	Estimated Total
Milwaukee County	Milwaukee	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$212,480	\$53,120	\$265,600
Milwaukee Center for Independence	Milwaukee	(1) Medium Bus - Honeycomb	Capital	\$55,200	\$13,800	\$69,000
Balance, Inc	Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Washington	(2) Transit/ Bariatric Vehicles	Capital	\$88,000	\$22,000	\$110,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	(1) Minivan Rear Load	Capital	\$31,200	\$7,800	\$39,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$57,845	\$14,461	\$72,306
Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County	Ozaukee	Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$76,329	\$76,329	\$152,658
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	(2) Minivan Rear Load	Capital	\$62,400	\$15,600	\$78,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	(1) Minibus Dual Axle - Gas	Capital	\$47,200	\$11,800	\$59,000
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$70,156	\$17,544	\$87,700
Interfaith Caregivers of Washington County	Washington	Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$49,692	\$49,693	\$99,385
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Mobility Management Program	Mobility Management	\$75,560	\$18,891	\$94,451
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Mobility Management (Find-a-Ride Network)	Mobility Management	\$194,915	\$48,730	\$243,645
ERAs Senior Network	Waukesha	Volunteer Driver Program	Operating	\$75,148	\$75,148	\$150,296

FISCAL NOTE

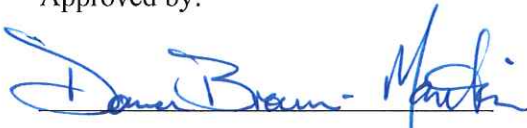
Execution of this grant with the FTA is contingent upon approval of the attached resolution as well as a 2019 operating budget fund transfer which has also been submitted for consideration. The fund transfer has no financial impact and simply creates expenditure authority for this program in the 2019 Operating Budget for the MCDOT Director's Office where the program oversight and administration will take place. The Director's Office will receive \$241,815 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 2017 and 2018 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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