



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 2, 2017

RE: **Resolution 2017-027 – Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Project Recommendations**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board is asked to approve the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Project Recommendations.

The Planning and Programming Committee recommends this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

The Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program addresses the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. NOACA seeks to eliminate barriers and improve transportation options in Northeast Ohio for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people of low income through the coordination of resources and efforts of public transit operators, human service agencies, and other transportation providers. Furthermore, NOACA will encourage the efficient and effective use of resources by eliminating gaps and redundancies in transportation services.

NOACA has updated and FTA has approved the 5310 Program Management Plan (PMP) for 2017. The total amount apportioned to the region for federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016 was \$3,505,793, of which \$350,579 (10%) will be retained by NOACA for program planning and administration.

The remaining \$3,155,214 is available to be programmed for new capital project recommendations. Capital projects are funded at 80% with a 20% local match from grantees. NOACA has designated 60% of funding for transit agency project proposals and 40% for nonprofits and other government agencies awarded through a competitive application process.

Total FFY 2015 & 2016 Funding Amount:	\$3,505,793
NOACA Admin Funds (10%):	\$350,579
Total Amount of Funding to be Programmed:	\$3,155,214
Total Funding for Transit Agencies (60%):	\$1,893,128
Total Flexible Non-profits and Agencies (40%):	\$1,262,085

NOACA accepted project proposals and applications from January 30 to March 3, 2017. NOACA received two transit project proposals requesting \$3,888,828 and 33 competitive applications from municipalities, non-profits, and social service agencies requesting \$3,106,539. Project proposals and applications were evaluated against program eligibility and prioritization criteria contained in the PMP. Recommended projects are attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This action recommends \$3,155,213 of Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310) program dollars be awarded to recommended projects.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, staff will work with project sponsors to execute funding agreements and implement the projects.

Attachment 1: FFY 2015 + 2016 NOACA Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Recommendations

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Attachment 1: FFY 2015 + 2016 NOACA Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Recommendations

FFY 2015 + 2016 NOACA Section 5310 Program Recommendations				
Agency		Request (100% Cost)		5310 Funding Recommendation (80% Fed. Share)
Transit Agency Allocations (at least 60% of Program Funding)				
1	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Agency	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 2,205,440.00	\$ 1,207,025.76
2	Laketrans	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 1,683,388.00	\$ 691,768.18
Transit Total			\$ 3,888,828.00	\$ 1,898,793.94
Competitive Grant Recommendations (up to 40% of Program Funding)				
1	Senior Transportation Connection	Vehicle Replacements, Computer Hardware/Software, and Communications	\$ 541,600.00	\$ 363,600.00
2	Cleveland Sight Center	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 82,822.00	\$ 82,822.00
3	Services for Independent Living, Inc.	Computer Hardware/Software, Communications and Security Equipment	\$ 47,517.00	\$ 7,357.00
4	Bedford Heights	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 87,572.48	\$ 87,572.48
5	Society for Handicapped Citizens	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 119,410.00	\$ 119,410.00
6	Southwest General Health Center	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 93,986.40	\$ 38,868.00
7	United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Cleveland	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 137,592.80	\$ 137,592.80
8	Berea	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 42,178.00	\$ 42,178.00
9	North Ridgeville Seniors, Inc.	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 50,617.00	\$ 50,617.00
10	Strongsville	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
11	Parma Heights	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 58,142.00	\$ 58,142.00
12	Care Alliance	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 137,782.00	\$ 101,600.00
13	Vocational Guidance Services	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 40,832.00	\$ 40,000.00
14	Garfield Heights	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 47,680.00	\$ 47,680.00
15	Welcome House Inc.	Vehicle Replacement	\$ 38,980.00	\$ 38,980.00
Competitive Grant Total			\$ 3,106,539.28	\$ 1,256,419.28
Program Total				\$ 3,155,213.22

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
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WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina, and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program to address the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities to eliminate barriers and improve transportation options in Northeast Ohio for older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, as designated recipient for the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) program for the Cleveland Urbanized Area (UZA), NOACA has the responsibility to administer the competitive selection process for grants, ensure federal compliance, manage grant distribution, and oversee the projects receiving those federal funds; and

WHEREAS, available funding through federal fiscal years 2015 and 2016 for the Cleveland UZA totals \$3,505,793 million for the Section 5310 program; and

WHEREAS, up to 10% of a fiscal year's apportionment can be used for administering the Section 5310 program by NOACA staff; and

WHEREAS, a solicitation for projects was issued, and projects were evaluated against the goals of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio to develop recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the projects recommended are consistent with the goals of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio, as required by FTA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of forty-five principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina that:


Section 1. Projects and funding amounts contained in Table 1 are approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts with appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved FY 2015/2016 Section 5310 Program.

Section 4. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency Board of
Directors adopted this 9th day of June 2017.

Secretary:


Timothy C. Kenyon

Date Signed: 6-9-2017

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