



NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 5, 2015

RE: **Resolution No. 2015-035 - Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Project Recommendations**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program project recommendations.

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. In order to gain access to funding from these programs, NOACA approved the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio in January 2015. Staff was also authorized by the Board of Directors via Resolution 2015-013 to manage the competitive project selection process and grant distribution for these funds for the Cleveland Urbanized Area.

There was a total of \$3.2 million in federal fiscal year 2013-14 funding made available and announced in February 2015 for this round of Section 5310 project solicitations. Of the funds available, NOACA will retain ten percent for costs incurred by staff for grant administration and coordinating planning efforts, and the rest will be awarded to the project applicants. Projects are listed on the next page.

Notice of funds availability was made through legal notices and emails to agencies, organizations, and municipalities; emails to Coordinated Plan stakeholders and participants; and advertisement on NOACA's website. The application submission process was from February 2, 2015 – March 3, 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$3.2 million in Section 5310 funding will be spent on this effort. \$3.1 million on projects with \$0.1 million reserved for grant administration and coordinated planning.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

The draft Program of Projects, which is a detailed listing of projects to be funded pending all NOACA and FTA approvals, will be submitted to FTA in June. Following Board adoption, staff will work with project awardees during the post grant process.

Table 1
Section 5310 Projects FY2015 (Cleveland UZA)

Applicant	Project Description	Project Type	Amount Requested
City of Strongsville	Purchase 2 vehicles for Senior transport	Vehicles-2	\$ 77,980.00
Services for Independent Living, Inc.	Request for operating dollars for drivers	Operating	\$ 12,159.50
Services for Independent Living, Inc.	Purchase 3 vehicles for Senior transport	Vehicles-3	\$ 80,000.00
Services for Independent Living, Inc.	Routing software	Computer/Hardware/Software	\$ 4,320.00
Cleveland Sight Center	Operating support includes vehicle maintenance, staff, and fuel	Operating	\$ 167,942.00
Cleveland Sight Center	Purchase 2 vehicles for client transport	Vehicles-2	\$ 73,600.00
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Purchase 2 vehicles to expand transport individuals with disabilities	Vehicles-2	\$ 79,716.80
Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Routing software	Computer/Hardware/Software	\$ 100,000.00
Montefiore	Purchase new vehicle to transport Seniors with Alzheimer's and/or dementia	Vehicles-1	\$ 40,000.00
Senior Transportation Connection	Purchase 3 vehicles for Senior transport	Vehicles-3	\$ 132,000.00
Senior Transportation Connection	On board security cameras for vehicles	Computer/Hardware/Software	\$ 52,800.00
Greater Cleveland RTA	Purchase new paratransit vehicles	Vehicles-12	\$ 950,400.00
Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Purchase 3 replacement vehicles	Vehicles-3	\$ 51,000.00
Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities	Operating support includes vehicle maintenance, staff, and fuel	Mobility Management	\$ 41,947.00
City of North Royalton	Purchase 1 replacement vehicle for Senior transport	Vehicles-1	\$ 39,908.80
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland	Support for staff - drivers	Operating	\$ 16,500.00
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland	Purchase 3 vehicles for client transport	Vehicles-3	\$ 91,200.00
Vocational Guidance Services	Purchase new vehicle to expand existing service	Vehicles-1	\$ 37,600.00
Vocational Guidance Services	Hands free communication	Communications/Equipment	\$ 512.00
Vocational Guidance Services	Routing software	Mobility Management	\$ 316.00
Senior Citizen Resources, Inc.	Purchase 2 vehicles for Senior transport	Vehicles-2	\$ 81,600.00
Village of Brooklyn Heights	Purchase vehicle to transport wheelchair clients	Vehicles-1	\$ 25,007.60
Medina Creative Housing	Operating support includes vehicle maintenance, staff, and fuel	Operating	\$ 40,000.00
Medina Creative Housing	Purchase new vehicle to transport clients to employment sites	Vehicles-1	\$ 25,000.00
Medina Creative Housing	Dispatch equipment	Communications/Equipment	\$ 2,400.00
Laketran	Purchase new paratransit vehicles	Vehicles-12	\$ 900,419.00
			\$3,124,328.00

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

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, 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 2013 and 2014 for the Cleveland UZA totals \$3.2 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 45 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 inter into contracts with appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved FY 2013/2014 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 12th day of June 2015.

Secretary: 

Date Signed: 

