



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors.

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer

DATE: December 4, 2020

RE: **Resolution No. 2020-051: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Projects**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the SFY21 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Project Recommendations.

The Planning and Programming Committee and Transportation Subcommittee recommend this action.

BACKGROUND

The Enhanced Mobility of 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 encourages the efficient and effective use of resources by eliminating gaps and redundancies in transportation services.

The total amount apportioned to the region for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020 was \$1,865,130, of which \$186,513 (10%) will be retained by NOACA for program planning and administration. The remaining \$1,678,617 of federal funds is available to be programmed for new project recommendations. Capital projects are funded with an 80% federal share and a 20% local match from awardees. NOACA has designated at least 60% of funding for transit agency project proposals and up to 40% for non-profits, for-profits, and government agencies awarded through a competitive application process. Transit agencies are eligible for operations funding at 50% federal funding with a 50% local match.

Total FFY 2020 Funding Amount-Cleveland UZA Apportionment	\$ 1,865,130
NOACA Administration Funds (10%)	\$ 186,513
FFY 2020 Amount of Funding to be Programmed	\$ 1,678,617
Total Funding for Transit Agencies (at least 60%)	\$ 1,007,171
Total Flexible Non-profits, Communities, etc. (up to 40%)	\$ 671,446
Carryover From Previous Years Available	\$45,376
Total Available Funding for SFY 2021 Projects	\$1,723,993

NOACA accepted project proposals and applications from June 15, 2020 to August 7, 2020. NOACA received three transit project proposals requesting \$ 2,915,048 and 11 competitive applications from municipalities, non-profits, for-profits, and social service agencies requesting \$1,047,047. Project proposals and applications have been evaluated against program eligibility and prioritization criteria contained in the Program Management Plan. Project recommendations are attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is \$1,865,130 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds available to the Cleveland Urbanized Area from Federal Fiscal Year 2020. \$186,513 will be used by NOACA for program administration. At least \$1,007,171 will be available for transit agencies to implement their projects, and up to \$671,446 of the FFY 2020 allocation will be made available for competitive projects implementation. There is an additional \$45,376 in carryover funds from previous years to be added to the available funding, totaling \$1,723,993 available for projects.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, NOACA will manage the SFY 2021 program to ensure the expenditure of available funding during the fiscal year, including the advancement of additional projects as approved by the Board should funding become available.

Attachment 1: SFY 2021 Section 5310 Program Recommendations

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-051
ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS
AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
(SECTION 5310) PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS**

**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 City of Cleveland; and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for the Enhanced Mobility of 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 of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program for the Cleveland Urbanized Area (UZA), NOACA has the responsibility to administer the 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 year 2020 for the Cleveland UZA totals \$ 1,865,130 for the Section 5310 program; and

WHEREAS, up to 10% of a fiscal year's apportionment can be used for planning and 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 46 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the City of Cleveland that:

Section 1. Transportation providers (listed as Organizations in Attachment 1) are amended to Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio.

Section 2. Projects and funding amounts (as listed in Attachment 1) are approved for amendment to NOACA's 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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Section 3. The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts with appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved FFY2020/SFY2021 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 Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 11th day of December 2020.

Secretary: _____

Date Signed: _____

Attachment 1: SFY 2021 Section 5310 Program Recommendations							
Project Recommendations							
#	Organization Name	Proposed Project	QTY	Total Cost (100% Share)	Request (80% Federal Share)	QTY Recommended	Recommendation (80% Federal Share)
1	NOACA	Administration*		\$ 186,513	\$ 186,513		\$ 186,513
Transit Agencies							
2	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	Replacement Vehicle (s)	15	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 1,080,000	13	\$ 967,917
3	Laketran	Replacement Vehicle (s)	16	\$ 2,208,000	\$ 1,766,400	2	\$ 212,546
3	Medina County Public Transit (MCPT)	Computer Hardware /Software/ Accessibility Improvements		\$ 85,810	\$ 68,648		\$ 68,648
Transit Agency Total			31	\$ 3,643,810	\$ 2,915,048	15	\$ 1,249,111
Competitive Applicants							
4	Ace Taxi Service, Inc.**	Replacement Vehicle (s)	3	\$ 128,715	\$ 102,972	1	\$ 34,324
**Condition: Remove related fees from vehicle capital cost from current contract with MCPT to lower MCPT cost OR NOACA will make the award directly to MCPT to offset the contract cost.							
5	HELP Foundation, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle (s)	1	\$ 42,000	\$ 33,600	1	\$ 33,600
6	HELP Foundation, Inc.	Computer Hardware/Software	1	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	1	\$ 63,391
7	Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland Ohio	Replacement Vehicle (s)	2	\$ 80,000	\$ 64,000	2	\$ 64,000
8	Koinonia Homes, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle (s)	2	\$ 136,574	\$ 109,259	2	\$ 109,259
9	New Avenues to Independence, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle (s)	3	\$ 127,989	\$ 102,391	1	\$ 34,130
10	Parma	Replacement Vehicle (s)	1	\$ 56,051	\$ 44,841	1	\$ 44,841
11	Senior Transportation Connection	Computer Hardware/Software	1	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,000	1	\$ 16,000
12	Youth Challenge	Replacement Vehicle (s)	2	\$ 94,170	\$ 75,336	2	\$ 75,336
Competitive Application Total			16	\$ 785,499	\$ 628,399	12	\$ 474,882
SFY2021 Program Recommendation Total						27	\$ 1,910,506

*Section 5310 Administration Funds are 100% Federal Share