



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: NOACA Board of Directors
FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
DATE: November 24, 2023
RE: **Resolution No: 2023-054: State Fiscal Year 2024 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Funding Recommendations**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the SFY 2024 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Funding Recommendations.

The Planning and Programming Committee supports this action.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

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 Cleveland Urbanized Area for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2023 was \$2,684,632, of which \$268,463 (10%) will be retained by NOACA for program planning and administration. The remaining \$2,416,169 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. Transit agencies are eligible for operations funding at 50% federal funding with a 50% local match.

Total FFY 2023 Funding Amount-Cleveland UZA Apportionment	\$ 2,684,632
NOACA Administration Funds (10%)	\$ 268,463
FFY 2023 Amount of Funding to be Programmed	\$ 2,416,169
Carryover From Previous Years Available	\$0
Total Available Funding for SFY 2024 Projects	\$ 2,416,169

NOACA accepted project proposals and applications from June 12, 2023, to August 4, 2023. NOACA received two transit project proposals requesting \$3,936,000 and 23 competitive requests from municipalities, non-profits, for-profits, and social service agencies requesting \$3,757,270. Project proposals and applications were evaluated against program eligibility and prioritization criteria contained in the Program Management Plan. A summary of the recommendations is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is \$2,684,632 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds available to the Cleveland Urbanized Area from Federal Fiscal Year 2023. Of this amount, \$268,463 will be used by NOACA for program administration. The remaining \$2,416,169 will be available for transit agencies and competitive projects for implementation.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, NOACA will manage the SFY 2024 Section 5310 program to ensure that projects are programmed, and awardees are supported to expend awarded funds in a timely manner.

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Attachment 1: Resolution 2023-054: SFY 2024 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Funding Recommendations

Attachment 2: SFY 2024 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Funding Recommendations

RESOLUTION 2023-054
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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, 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 a 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 2023 for the Cleveland UZA totals \$2,684,632 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.

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

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

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Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Funding Recommendations

Section 2. Projects and funding amounts (as listed in Attachment 1) are approved for amendment to NOACA's SFY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Section 3. The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts with the appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved FFY2023/SFY2024 Section 5310 Program.

Section 4. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to 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 1st day of December 2023.



Secretary

12/1/23

Date Signed

Attachment 2: NOACA SFY 2024 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Recommendations

#	Organization Name	Request	QTY	Total Cost (100%)	Request (80% Federal Share)	Max QTY Recommended	Recommendation (80% Federal Share)
1	NOACA	Administration*	n/a	\$ 268,463	\$ 268,463	n/a	\$ 268,463
Program Administration Total				\$ 268,463	\$ 268,463		\$ 268,463
Transit Agency Recommendations							
2	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	Replacement Vehicle (s)	20	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 2,880,000	4	\$ 722,936
3	Laketran	Replacement Vehicle (s)	10	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 1,056,000	3	\$ 367,133
Transit Agency Total				\$ 4,920,000	\$ 3,936,000	7	\$ 1,090,069
Competitive Applicant Recommendations							
4	Berea	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	\$ 148,000	\$ 118,400	1	\$ 118,400
5	Broadview Heights	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	\$ 108,000	\$ 86,400	1	\$ 86,400
6	Brook Park	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	\$ 80,000	\$ 64,000	1	\$ 64,000
7	Brooklyn Heights	Communication Equipment	12	\$ 7,428	\$ 5,943	12	\$ 5,942
8	East End Neighborhood House, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle(s) Type 2	2	\$ 99,990	\$ 79,992	1	\$ 39,996
		Communication Equipment	6	\$ 2,016	\$ 1,612	6	\$ 1,613
9	HELP Foundation, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle(s) Type 2	1	\$ 60,000	\$ 48,000	1	\$ 48,000
10	Lakewood	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	\$ 125,964	\$ 100,771	1	\$ 100,771
11	NCC Solutions, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle(s)	2	\$ 160,000	\$ 128,000	1	\$ 64,000
12	Southwest General Health Center	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	\$ 140,000	\$ 112,000	1	\$ 112,000
13	St. Augustine Church	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	\$ 80,000	\$ 64,000	1	\$ 64,000
14	Senior Transportation Connection	Replacement Vehicle(s)	5	\$ 640,500	\$ 512,400	2	\$ 204,960
15	Strongsville Senior Center	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	\$ 135,000	\$ 108,000	1	\$ 108,000
16	Transport Assistance, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle(s)	3	\$ 279,036	\$ 223,229	1	\$ 74,410
17	United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Cleveland, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle(s)	2	\$ 212,000	\$ 169,600	1	\$ 84,800
18	Western Reserve Masonic Community	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	\$ 74,993	\$ 59,994	1	\$ 59,994
		Expansion Vehicle(s)	1	\$ 111,017	\$ 88,814	1	\$ 88,814
Competitive Application Total			42	\$ 2,463,944	\$ 1,971,155	34	\$ 1,326,100
State Fiscal Year 2024 Program Total			72	\$ 7,652,407	\$ 6,175,618	41	\$ 2,684,632

*Section 5310 Administration Funds are 100% Federal