

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 23, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 9, 2020

Subject: Approval of Metropolitan Area 5310 Grant Awards

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 49 United States Code, 5310 as amended by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)

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Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following:

Metropolitan Area Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (FTA 5310) grant awards for 2021:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Anoka County	Transportation Coordination Assistance Project	\$120,000.00

Metropolitan Area Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (FTA 5310) grant awards for 2022:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Lifeworks Services, Inc.	1 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$74,400.00
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	2 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$148,800.00
Newtrax, Inc.	6 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$446,400.00
	2 (Class 400) Vehicle Expansion	\$148,800.00
Pro-Act, Inc. - Eagan	1 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$74,400.00
Rise, Inc.	2 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$148,800.00
TOTAL		\$1,041,600.00

Metropolitan Area Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (FTA 5310) grant awards for 2023:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	1 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$76,800.00
	1 (Class 500) Vehicle Replacement	132,000.00
Newtrax, Inc.	6 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$460,800.00
	2 (Class 400) Vehicle Expansion	\$153,600.00
Rise, Inc.	3 (Class 400) Vehicle Replacement	\$230,400.00
TOTAL		\$1,053,600.00

Background

Under MAP-21, no less than sixty percent of the state's 5310 grant funds are for the urbanized areas (population of 200,000 or more). 5310 grant funds assist governmental organizations and private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities.

In July 2013, the Metropolitan Council authorized staff to take the necessary steps to designate the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) as the recipient of MAP-21 5310 formula grants allocated to the Minneapolis-St. Paul urbanized area. MnDOT has a long and successful history with statewide administration of the 5310 program. The Council entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with MnDOT to clarify roles and responsibilities of the relationship.

Rationale

In 2019, MnDOT made changes to the grant application process to include a two-year application period instead of one. MnDOT, Council and other government entity's staff evaluated 9 Metropolitan Area grant applications for 2022 and 2023. The panel is recommending the award of 5 grants for 2022 and 3 for 2023.

The project list also includes 12 replacement and 2 expansion buses in 2022 and 11 replacement and 2 expansion buses in 2023.

Thrive Lens Analysis

These projects advance equity, sustainability and livability by expanding access to transit for traditionally underserved populations.

Funding

The value of vehicle grants recommended for the Metro Area in 2022 is \$1,041,600 and \$1,053,600 in 2023. Total Matching funds for the 2022 vehicles is \$260,400 and \$263,400 for 2023 vehicles.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.