

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 24, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 26, 2016

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)
Staff Prepared/Presented: Gerri Sutton, Assistant Director MTS (651) 602-1672
Division/Department: Transportation/Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following Metropolitan Area 5310 grant awards for 2017:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Achieve Services, Inc.	Replacement Bus	\$60,800
Augustana Chapel View Homes, Inc.	New Bus	\$60,800
Northeast Contemporary Services, Inc.	Replacement Bus	\$60,800
Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc. (Rosemount)	2 Replacement Buses	\$121,600
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	3 Replacement Buses	\$228,800
NEWTRAX, Inc.	6 Replacement Buses	\$364,800
ProAct, Inc.	2 Replacement Buses	\$168,000
Mankato Rehabilitation Center, Inc. - Chaska	2 New Buses	\$121,600
Volunteers of America of Minnesota	Replacement Bus	\$60,800
Dakota County	Mobility Management	\$235,000
Newtrax, Inc.	Mobility Management	\$144,000
Scott County	Mobility Management	\$84,000
Total		\$1,963,200

Background

With the implementation of MAP-21 (effective October 1, 2012), the previous Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedoms programs under SAFETEA-LU were merged into the 5310 grant program and the distribution of 5310 funds changed accordingly. Under MAP-21, sixty percent of the state’s funds are for the urbanized areas (population of 200,000 or more). 5310 grant funds assists 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 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

MnDOT, Council and other government entities staff evaluated 12 projects from the metropolitan area. The panel is recommending all 12 projects. Three mobility management projects will be renewed for 2017. In addition, the project list includes 16 replacement buses and 3 new buses.

Staff is asking the Metropolitan Council to approve these projects prior to incorporation into the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Funding

The total amount of 5310 funding for 2017, designated for the metro area, is \$1,936,203. The total value of grants recommended for 2017 is \$1,963,200. The difference between the 2017 allocation and grant awards will be covered with unspent 2016 funds. Matching local funds for the 15 projects is \$490,800 for total project costs of \$2,454,000.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.