

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 9, 2017

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 25, 2017

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 2018:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Dakota County	Mobility Management	\$235,200
Newtrax, Inc	Mobility Management	\$152,000
Scott County	Mobility Management	\$320,000
Washington County	New - Mobility Management	\$80,000
Achieve Services	1 Replacement Bus & Bus Equip	\$113,600
North East Contemporary Services	3 Replacement Buses & Bus Equip	\$194,400
TSE, Inc	2 New Buses and Bus Equip	\$129,600
Lifeworks Services, Inc.	2 Replacement Buses & Bus Equip	\$129,600
East Side Neighborhood Services, Inc.	1 Replacement Bus & Bus Equip	\$64,800
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	2 Replacement Buses and Bus Equip	\$129,600
Newtrax, Inc.	6 Replacement Buses and Bus Equip	\$362,400
ProAct, Inc.- Eagan	3 Replacement Buses and Bus Equip	\$283,200
Rise, Inc.	6 Replacement Buses and Bus Equip	\$388,800
TOTAL		\$2,583,200

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, no less than sixty percent of the state's 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

MnDOT, Council and other government entity's staff evaluated 14 projects for the metropolitan area. The panel is recommending the award of 13 grants. Three mobility management grants will be renewed and Washington County will implement a mobility management program in 2018. In addition, the project list includes 24 replacement buses and two expansion buses.

Thrive Lens Analysis

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

Funding

The state has the flexibility to award unused funding from previous years or allocate current year funding above the 60% minimum threshold established by the FTA for the urbanized area. The total amount of 5310 funding required to be spent in the metro area in 2018 is \$1,977,012. The total value of grants recommended for 2018 is \$2,583,200. Matching local funds for the 13 grants is \$645,800 (20%) for total project costs of \$3,229,000.

Known Support / Opposition

No know opposition.