

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 17, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 24, 2018

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 2019:

Organization	Project	Federal Award Amount
Dakota County	Mobility Management	\$236,000
Newtrax, Inc.	Mobility Management	\$150,941
Washington County	Mobility Management	\$92,000
Scott/Carver County	Mobility Management	\$300,000
Anoka County	New – Mobility Management	\$120,000
Hennepin County	New – Mobility Management	\$96,000
Rise, Inc	4 Replacement 1 Expansion	\$324,000
Newtrax, Inc	6 Replacement	\$388,800
Northeast Contemporary Services, Inc.	2 Replacement	\$129,600
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	3 Replacement	\$194,400
Mankato Rehabilitation Center – Chaska	2 Replacement	\$129,600
Mankato Rehabilitation Center – Rosemount	2 Replacement	\$129,600
Achieve Services, Inc.	1 Replacement	\$113,600
ProAct, Inc. – Eagan	2 Replacement	\$129,600
TOTAL		\$2,534,141

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 15 projects for the metropolitan area. The panel is recommending the award of 14 grants. Four mobility management grants will be renewed, and Anoka County and Hennepin County will implement mobility management programs in 2019. In addition, the project list includes 22 replacement buses and one expansion bus.

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 value of grants recommended for the Metro Area in 2019 is \$2,534,14, representing 71% of the total state 2019 grant awards. Matching local funds for the 14 grants is \$633,535 (20%) for total project costs of \$3,167,676.

Known Support / Opposition

No know opposition.