Transit Authority of River City

MEMORANDUM

To: TARC Board of Directors

From: Ozzy Gibson, Executive Director

Date: September 25, 2024

Re: Resolution 2024 - 31 Award of Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310 Program Funds

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TARC, in its role as the designated recipient for the Louisville Urbanized Area for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) funds, undertakes a process to award these federal formula funds to subrecipients. TARC has undertaken a competitive selection and award process for the past ten years for these funds. This year, $1,328,849 is available for distribution from the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 apportionment. All funds from the FFY 2023 apportionment were awarded last year, so no FFY 2023 funds were carried forward to be awarded this year.

TARC has consistently followed a competitive selection process to solicit project applications and award the funds, ensuring that the process is fair and allows for full and open competition. The deadline for applications for this funding was June 27, 2024. Twelve applicants applied for funds. The applications were evaluated on July 23, 2024 by an independent, impartial Application Review Committee comprised of five community members with no material interest in any of the proposed projects. They used evaluation criteria previously developed by TARC and the Regional Mobility Council.

A total of eleven applicants were awarded funding. For the projects that qualified in the Section 5310 "Traditional" category, the Application Review Committee recommended fully funding four projects and partially funding four projects, resulting in an award of $1,031,145, which is 78 percent of the total amount awarded. This meets the federal requirement that at least 55 percent of Section 5310 funds must be awarded in the "Traditional" category. For the projects that qualified in the Section 5310 "Other" category, the Application Review Committee recommended fully funding two projects and partially funding two projects, resulting in an award of $297,704 in "Other" funds. One applicant was awarded funding for both a "Traditional" project and an "Other" project.

Ten of the successful applicants will become subrecipients of the federal funds. The subrecipients provide local matching funds. Capital purchases will have a 20% local match, and operating expenses will have a 50% local match. A total of $1,328,849 of federal Section 5310 funds is recommended for award at this time, which is the entire amount available for award this year. The attached resolution seeks authority for the Executive Director to award the Section 5310 funds to the successful applicants and enter into subrecipient agreements as outlined in the resolution and detailed in the Appendix.

Please call me at 561-5100 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Transit Authority of River City

RESOLUTION 2024-31
AWARD OF ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES SECTION 5310 FUNDS

A resolution approving the award of Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310 program funds as set out below, and authorizing the Executive Director to enter into subrecipient agreements with the recommended subrecipients of these funds.

WHEREAS, TARC has been named the Designated Recipient of Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310 funds for the Louisville Urbanized Area by the Governors of the States of Kentucky and Indiana, and;

WHEREAS, in its role as Designated Recipient, TARC has conducted a competitive selection process, and;

WHEREAS, each project recommended for funding was derived from priorities set forth in the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for the KIPDA Region, and;

WHEREAS, each project was selected for funding through a process that ensured open competition, and;

WHEREAS, an impartial Application Review Committee scored all eligible applications using evaluation criteria established by TARC in conjunction with the Regional Mobility Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Transit Authority of River City that $1,328,849 in federal funds from the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 apportionment for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310, which were allocated to the Louisville Urbanized Area, be distributed as follows:

- $170,064 to Blue River Services for the Blue River Services Fleet Expansion for Floyd County Project
- $154,880 to Cedar Lake Residences for the Cedar Lake Transportation of Individuals with Disabilities Project
- $154,880 to Down Syndrome of Louisville for the Improving Mobility Options for those with Down Syndrome in Greater Louisville Project
- $72,400 to Dreams with Wings for the Dreams with Wings Van Upgrade and Replacement 2024/25 Project
- $5,200 to Elderserve for the Elderserve Transportation Project

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- $175,545 to Harbor House of Louisville for Improving the Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Project
- $171,520 to Lifespan Resources for the Lifespan Resources Transportation Project
- $77,440 to Southwest Center for the Reliable and Safe Transport for Individuals Using Wheelchairs Project
- $207,720 to Transit Authority of River City for the Suburban Work Trips for Paratransit Customers Outside of the ADA Service Area Project
- $69,600 to Volunteers of America for the VOA Community IN 2024
- $69,600 to WHC KY, LLC (dba Ztrip) for the Empowering Mobility Project

The Executive Director/CEO is hereby authorized to enter into subrecipient agreements with Blue River Services; Cedar Lake Residences; Down Syndrome of Louisville; Dreams with Wings; Elderserve; Harbor House of Louisville; Lifespan Resources; Southwest Center; Volunteers of America; and WHC KY, LLC (dba Ztrip) for the work outlined in their project applications.

The Executive Director/CEO is authorized to file and execute a grant application on behalf of the Transit Authority of River City with the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the projects listed above.

ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

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Ted Smith, Chair of the TARC Board of Directors

APPENDIX

Section 5310 "Traditional" funds

Eligible subrecipients for Section 5310 "Traditional" funds include: private nonprofit organizations; and state or local governmental authorities that are approved by a state to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities when it is certified that there are no nonprofit organizations readily available in the area to provide the service. TARC is not eligible for an award of Section 5310 "Traditional" funds, since many nonprofit organizations that provide service are available in our urbanized area. However, TARC is eligible for funds in the Section 5310 "Other" category.

Federal law requires that at least 55% of the Section 5310 funds awarded must be awarded for Section 5310 "Traditional" projects. "Traditional" projects are capital transportation projects (including but not limited to vehicle replacement, fleet expansion, and capital maintenance) that are designed and planned to meet the specific needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, unavailable, or inappropriate.

Section 5310 "Other" funds

Eligible subrecipients for Section 5310 "Other" funds include: private nonprofit organizations; state or local governmental authorities; and for-profit operators of public transportation that are providing shared-ride service.

Up to 45% of the Section 5310 funds that are awarded may be awarded in the "Other" category (including capital expenses and operating expenses) for public transportation projects designed and planned to meet the specific needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. These projects must: (1) exceed the ADA minimum requirements; or (2) improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on ADA-complementary paratransit service; or (3) provide alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.

Funds available

The amount of federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310 funds available for award through TARC's current competitive selection process is $1,328,849 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 apportionment. All the funds from the FFY 2023 apportionment were awarded last year, so no FFY 2023 funds were carried forward to be awarded this year.

A total of $1,328,849 is available for award for projects in the Section 5310 "Traditional" category.

The amount of Section 5310 funds available for award for projects in the Section 5310 "Other" category is 45% of the total amount of Section 5310 funds that are actually awarded for all projects.

All subrecipients of Section 5310 federal funds are providing local matching funds. Capital purchases have a 20% local match and Operating expenses have a 50% local match.

Funds awarded

The total amount of "Traditional" Section 5310 funds that were available for award this year was $1,328,849. The total amount of "Traditional" funds requests received was $1,641,570. The total amount of "Traditional" funds that the Application Review Committee recommended for award is $1,031,145, which is 78% of the of the total Section 5310 funds ("Traditional" plus "Other") that were awarded this time. This meets the federal requirement that at least 55% of the funds must be awarded in the "Traditional" category.

The total amount of all Section 5310 "Other" funds that were available for award was $597,982. The total amount of "Other" funds requests received was $1,612,721. The total amount of Section 5310 "Other" funds that the Application Review Committee recommended for award is $297,704, which is 22% of the of the total Section 5310 funds ("Traditional" plus "Other") that were awarded this time.

The total amount of Section 5310 funds recommended for award this time is $1,328,849 of the $1,328,849 available. This uses up all of the federal Section 5310 funds available for award at this time. There are no unawarded funds remaining in the FFY 2024 apportionment, therefore no FFY 2024 funds will be carried forward to be awarded next year.

Funding recommendations for Section 5310 "Traditional" projects:

$154,880 to Blue River Services for the Blue River Services Fleet Expansion for Floyd County Project to purchase two (2) ADA-Accessible Full-Size vans. The project will provide on-demand transportation service for seniors in assisted living residences in Floyd County and for individuals with disabilities.

Federal funds = $154,880 Local match = $38,720 Total project value = $193,600

$154,880 to Cedar Lake Residences for the Cedar Lake Transportation of Individuals with Disabilities Project to purchase two (2) ADA-Accessible Full-Size vans. The project will provide transportation for individuals with disabilities in Louisville and La Grange, Kentucky.

Federal funds = $154,880 Local match = $38,720 Total project value = $193,600

$154,880 to Down Syndrome of Louisville for the Improving Mobility Options for those with Down Syndrome in Greater Louisville Project to purchase two (2) ADA-Accessible Full-Size vans. The project will provide transportation for individuals with disabilities in Jefferson County, Kentucky and in Floyd and Clark Counties in Indiana.

Federal funds = $154,880 Local match = $38,720 Total project value = $193,600

$72,400 to Dreams with Wings for the Dreams with Wings Van Upgrade and Replacement 2024/25 Project to purchase one (1) ADA-wheelchair-accessible Minivan. The project will provide transportation services in Jefferson County for individuals with disabilities to get to day training programs, jobs, and medical appointments.

(Federal funds = $72,400 Local match = $18,100 Total project value = $90,500)

$175,545 to Harbor House of Louisville for Improving the Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Project to purchase one (1) ADA-Accessible 12-2 Cutaway Bus; one (1) ADA-Accessible Full-Size van; and Preventive Maintenance for the Section 5310 fleet from January 1 through December 31, 2025. The project will provide transportation for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities to and from Harbor House, to medical appointments, and other necessary trips.

(Federal funds = $175,545 Local match = $43,886 Total project value = $219,431)

$171,520 to Lifespan Resources for the Lifespan Resources Transportation Project to purchase two (2) ADA-Accessible Full-Size vans with Enhanced HVAC, All-Wheel-Drive, fog lights, and automatic sliding door. The project will provide transportation for individuals with disabilities to and from day services and work programs. The vehicles will also provide on-demand transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities for medical trips, including critical care trips such as dialysis, and chemotherapy, as well as trips to the grocery, senior center, library, and post office, with an emphasis on serving low income residents.

(Federal funds = $171,520 Local match = $42,880 Total project value = $214,400)

$77,440 to Southwest Center for the Reliable and Safe Transport for Individuals Using Wheelchairs Project to purchase one (1) ADA-Accessible Full-Size van to provide door-to-door non-emergency

medical transportation for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in Jefferson County Kentucky.

(Federal funds = $77,440 Local match = $19,360 Total project value = $96,800)

$69,600 to Volunteers of America for the VOA Community IN 2024 project to purchase one (1) ADA-wheelchair-accessible Minivan. The project will transport seniors and individuals with developmental and physical disabilities in Floyd and Clark Counties in Indiana to medical care appointments, recreation, and participation in the community, including enrichment activities.

(Federal funds = $69,600 Local match = $17,400 Total project value = $87,000)

Funding recommendations for Section 5310 "Other" projects:

$15,184 to Blue River Services for the Blue River Services Fleet Expansion for Floyd County Project for Operating Assistance to provide on-demand transportation service for seniors in assisted living residences in Floyd County and for individuals with disabilities.

(Federal funds = $15,184 Local match = $15,184 Total project value = $30,368)

$5,200 to Elderserve for the Elderserve Transportation Project. This funding will be Operating Assistance to provide transportation to seniors participating in programming at the Elderserve Senior Center and the Elderserve Adult Day Health Center in Jefferson County Kentucky.

(Federal funds = $5,200 Local match = $5,200 Total project value = $10,400)

$207,720 to Transit Authority of River City for the Suburban Work Trips for Paratransit Customers Outside of the ADA Service Area Project. This funding will be Operating Assistance to continue paratransit work trips for people with disabilities who either live outside the ADA service area or who work outside the ADA service area.

(Federal funds = $207,720 Local match = $207,720 Total project value = $415,440)

$69,600 to WHC KY, LLC (dba Ztrip) for the Empowering Mobility Project to purchase one (1) ADA-wheelchair-accessible Minivan. The project will provide shared-ride service as part of the existing TARC3 program.

(Federal funds = $69,600 Local match = $17,400 Total project value = $87,000

(See the summary of all awards in the two tables below.)

Summary of recommendations for funding:

Section 5310 "Traditional" Funds (dollars) FFY 24				
Agency	**Project**	**Federal Share**	**Local Match**	**Total**
Blue River Services	Blue River Services Fleet Expansion for Floyd County	154,880	38,720	193,600
Cedar Lake Residences	Cedar Lake Transportation of Individuals with Disabilities	154,880	38,720	193,600
Down Syndrome of Louisville	Improving Mobility Options for Those with Down Syndrome in Greater Louisville	154,880	38,720	193,600
Dreams with Wings	Dreams With Wings Van upgrade and replacement 2024/25	72,400	18,100	90,500
Harbor House of Louisville	Improving the Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	175,545	43,886	219,431
Lifespan Resources	Lifespan Resources Transportation	171,520	42,880	214,400
Southwest Center	Reliable and Safe Transport for Individuals using Wheelchairs	77,440	19,360	96,800
Volunteers of America	VOA Community IN 2024	69,600	17,400	87,000

Section 5310 "Other" Funds (dollars) FFY 24				
Agency	**Project**	**Federal Share**	**Local Match**	**Total**
Blue River Services	Blue River Services Fleet Expansion for Floyd County	15,184	15,184	30,368
Elderserve	Elderserve Transportation	5,200	5,200	10,400
Transit Authority of River City	Suburban Work Trips for Paratransit Customers Outside of the ADA Service Area	207,720	207,720	415,440
Ztrip (WHC KY, LLC, dba Ztrip)	Empowering Mobility	69,600	17,400	87,000