



Programming Awards for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grants

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Attachments: Yes

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Referring Committee: Transportation

1. Issue:

Six agencies in the SACOG region have applied for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funds to purchase equipment or provide services for the transport of seniors and people with disabilities.

2. Recommendation:

None; this item is for information only.

3. Background/Analysis:

The FTA Section 5310 Grant Program provides transportation funds on a competitive basis for the purchase of equipment or services to transport or improve access to transportation for seniors and people with disabilities. There are two funding categories: (1) "Traditional" capital funding, and (2) "Expanded" funding. The Section 5310 "Traditional" capital grant provides 80 percent of the cost of vehicles; "other equipment" such as computers and radios; and mobility management activities (e.g., travel training and one-stop call centers). Eligible applicants are private, non-profit organizations or public bodies that coordinate transportation service. Eligible applicants for "Expanded" funding are public transit providers, private, non-profit organizations, or public bodies that coordinate transportation service. The Section 5310 "Expanded" grant program provides 80 percent of the cost of vehicles, "other equipment" and mobility management activities, or 50 percent of the cost of operating services.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

In the Sacramento Urbanized Area (UZA), approximately \$3.16 million in combined federal fiscal years (FFYs) 2020 and 2021 FTA 5310 funds are available. This year's Sacramento UZA applicants include: Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley, Inc. (ACC Rides), Dignity Community Services (Dignity Health), El Dorado County Transit, Paratransit, Inc., United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Sacramento, Inc., and Shores of Hope.

SACOG has entered a Memoranda of Understanding with Caltrans that gives SACOG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and four-county Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), the responsibility for evaluating and scoring the region's eligible Sacramento Urbanized Area and Small Urban applications for "Traditional" 5310 funding. Only the Statewide 5310 Scoring Committee will score "Expanded" applications. Statewide for small urban/rural projects, the FTA Section 5310 Program has approximately \$16 million in available funds for FFYs 2020 and 2021 combined. Caltrans has sole

responsibility for reviewing and scoring rural projects statewide.

In March 2022, SACOG staff used Caltrans' scoring criteria and electronic grants management tool to review and score the "Traditional" project applications inside the Sacramento UZA and Small Urban areas. Attachment A lists the scores for each project. Staff has reviewed and determined that all applicants meet requirements for MPO/RTPA certification and assurances (Attachment B).

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

The FTA 5310 grants do not impact SACOG's operating budget beyond the staff time already included in the agency's overall work program. Sacramento UZA funding awards will be included by Caltrans in the Section 5310 grant that will be submitted to the FTA. Small urban/rural 5310 projects will be selected by Caltrans for funding in ranked order until all funds available statewide are expended. With the availability of Transportation Development Credits, the FTA currently allows 5310 projects to be 100 percent federally funded.

6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Objectives:

Goal 1 : Advance Economic Prosperity

Objective 3: Improve people's ability to get to jobs, schools, and other economic opportunities.

Goal 2 : Connected Communities

Objective 2: Support innovative mobility options that develop equitable, accessible transportation options for all residents.