

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 14, 2017
To: The City Manager
From: Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Consideration of Items Relating to Federal Transit Administration Job Access Reverse Commute, Section 5307 Funds for Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 Allocation and Reallocation:

- a. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Grant Agreements with approved Subrecipients of allocated and reallocated pass-through funds for FTA JARC, Section 5307 grant programs.
- b. Project Budget Ordinance Amendment to appropriate pass-through of Federal Transit Administration Funds from the City to Section 5307 Subrecipients
- c. Tables with the FTA JARC, Section 5307 Allocation and Reallocation of Project Funds in the Winston-Salem Urban Area.

Summary of Information:

On December 4, 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, was signed reauthorizing surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year 2020. The FAST Act designates Section 5307 funds may be used for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) programs needs identified in the urban areas. The City of Winston-Salem is the direct recipient of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds. The Transportation Advisory Committee designated \$55,000 to be used for JARC programs. The JARC programs assist eligible agencies in meeting the transportation needs of low-income populations in the area. These funds are administered as a pass-through grant program.

Direct recipients have flexibility in how they select sub-recipient projects for funding, but their decision process must be clearly noted in a state/program management plan. The Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSMPO) uses a competitive selection process to award these funds based on the community's identified needs and the Public Transportation Human Services (2010) plan's approved criteria. City staff received one (1) application for the Section JARC funding.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 8/14/17	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

In March 2017, the Winston Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSMPO) initiated the Request for Projects for the FTA grant programs. This process included a public applicant workshop held on March 17, 2017, a 30-day Call for Projects held open from March 20 to April 21, 2017, a review of applications by the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO), an external transit subcommittee, and review by the City of Winston Salem's Community Agency Allocation Committee.

City staff received one (1) application for the JARC, Section 5307. The GUAMPO reviewed and gave a score of 70 or more (out of 100 possible points) to the applicant. The City's Allocation Committee did not recommend the JARC agency's application for funding but responded that the application lacked details. They requested more information be provided in the description of the services being delivered, that the applicant clearly identify goals and that the applicant provide a more clear explanation of their requested project budget. DOT staff requested and received a satisfactory re-submittal of information in those specific sections of the application.

In consideration of the collective review from the GUAMPO and the Allocation Committee, the additional information provided by the applicant as identified by the Allocation Committee, staff recommends funding the applicant's program.

Attachment A is a table that lists Section 5307 JARC applicant score and Attachment B outlines the recommended allocation and reallocation of this funding program.