

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 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Section 5310 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 Section 5310 grant programs.
- b. Project Budget Ordinance Amendment to appropriate pass-through of Federal Transit Administration Funds from the City to Section 5310 Subrecipients.
- c. Tables with the Federal Transit Administration Project 5310 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 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individual with Disabilities, to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. The City of Winston-Salem is the direct recipient of the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funds. These funds are administered as a pass-through grant program.

Direct recipients have flexibility in how they select subrecipient 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 four applications for the Section 5310 funding.

Committee Action:

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

Remarks:

In March 2017, the WSMPO initiated the Request for Projects for the Federal Transit Administration (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.

The GUAMPO reviewed and gave scores of 70 or more (out of 100 possible points) to all four applications. The City's Allocation Committee recommended all four applications for the Section 5310 funding. In consideration of the collective review from the GUAMPO and the City's Allocation Committee, staff recommends funding for all four programs.

Attachment A is a table that lists Section 5310 applicant scores and Attachment B outlines the recommended allocation and reallocation of these funding programs.