

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2021 FUNDING FOR WHEELS-TO-WELLNESS

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (“COG”), as the administrative agency for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (“TPB”), is the designated recipient for the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) funding recently appropriated to Federal Transit Administration’s (“FTA”) Section 5310 program for this region;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CRRSAA funding is to support expenses eligible under the 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program, although the Act directs recipients to prioritize payroll and operational needs;

WHEREAS, the purpose of Enhanced Mobility funding is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available, and toward this goal, FTA provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS, COG is soliciting grant applications from current and former sub-recipients of 5310 Enhanced Mobility funding for the CRRSAA Section 5310 funding;

WHEREAS, COG will make an electronic application to the FTA with successful applicants of the TPB’s solicitation for CRRSAA grants;

WHEREAS, PRTC was a former sub-recipient to COG of Section 5310 funds for the Wheels-to-Wellness program and intends to submit an application;

WHEREAS, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (dba. OMNIRIDE) hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the Federal and State or D.C. statutes, regulations, executive orders, and all administrative requirements related to the applications set by the FTA, TPB, COG, or other applicable entity and grants received by applicant from the FTA, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U.S.C..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission is hereby authorized on behalf of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (dba. OMNIRIDE) to submit a grant for Federal funding, make the

necessary assurances and certifications, and is empowered to enter into an agreement, in a form approved by legal counsel, with COG and execute all paper work to implement a FTA grant.

Votes:

Ayes:

Abstain:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Alternate Present Not Voting:

Absent from Meeting:

REMOVED



February 25, 2021

TO: Chair Franklin and PRTC Commissioners

FROM: Betsy Massie *Betsy Massie*
Director, Grants and Project Management

THROUGH: Robert A. Schneider, PhD *RS*
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit a Grant for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Recommendation:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit a federal grant application using Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act funding to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for support to the Wheels-to-Wellness program.

Background:

Included in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) was an appropriation to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the designated recipient in the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized area for the FTA's Section 5310 CRRSAA funding.

COG is soliciting grant applications from current and former sub-recipients of their Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program to submit applications for the CRRSAA Enhanced Mobility funding to benefit current or former Enhanced Mobility Projects.

In the past OMNIRIDE has been the beneficiary of Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility funds from COG for the Wheels-to-Wellness program. OMNIRIDE proposes to submit a grant application for \$150,000 to support the Wheels-to-Wellness program, the focus being providing transportation for the elderly and disabled to receive their COVID vaccines. Grant applications are due March 24, 2021 and there is no match required.

This authorizing resolution is a requirement of the application.

Fiscal Impact:

No financial implications as no match is required.

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