

Board of Directors

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Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and Human Services Transportation Set-aside Recommended Projects

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Summary

DRCOG is the designated receipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding for the Denver-Aurora urbanized area. DRCOG's Board, as part of the 2024-2027 TIP set aside \$8 million over four years for Human Services Transportation. DRCOG releases yearly calls for projects for these two funding streams. This agenda item is requesting a motion to recommend approval of the awards for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Background

DRCOG is the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding for the Denver-Aurora urbanized area. This funding provides approximately \$3 million annually to fund specialized transit projects that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities. DRCOG retains approximately \$250,000 for administrative expenses, while the remaining \$2.75 million is available for subrecipient projects throughout the Denver-Aurora Urbanized Area. Eligible projects include capital, operating and mobility management projects.

DRCOG's Board of Directors as part of the 2024-2027 TIP set aside \$8 million, or \$2 million annually for Human Services Transportation. This funding is available to fund transit capital, operating and mobility management projects that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities, as well as other vulnerable populations throughout the DRCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization.

DRCOG releases a yearly call for projects for both of these two funding streams. DRCOG released a call for projects in the Fall for projects beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. In addition to the typical yearly available funds, there was approximately \$500,000 in carryover funding from prior years. The total funding available for this call was approximately \$5.3 million. DRCOG received requests from 10 organizations requesting over \$5.8 million in support. Proposals were reviewed by a committee of five individuals who recommended the projects on the attached list for funding. One organization was deemed ineligible for the funding based on the federal regulations after a review the proposals. All other organizations received at least partial funding for their projects. All operating and mobility managements were recommended to get their full request. The total of the projects recommended is approximately \$5.1 million, which leaves some unallocated funding available for this year. This unallocted portion of funding will be made available for projects in the next call for projects.



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Action by others

<u>March 24, 2025</u> – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval. <u>April 15, 2025</u> – Regional Transportation Committee will make a recommendation.

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to approve the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and Human Serivices Transportation Set-aside projects for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 as recommended by the review panel.

Attachments

- 1. List of recommended projects
- 2. Staff Presentation

For more information

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