



Agenda
Finance and Budget Committee
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
1001 17th St. 7th Floor, Red Rocks Conference Room
Denver, CO

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1. Call to order

Consent agenda

2. Move to approve Consent agenda
 - A. Summary of May 1, 2024 special meeting (Attachment A)
 - B. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for approximately \$432,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support DRCOG's Aging and Disability Resource Center. (Attachment B)
 - C. Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for the Area Agency on Aging and to allocate and distribute approximately \$20.5 million in state and federal funds for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 per the requirements set forth in the contract including contracting with local service providers. (Attachment C)

Action items

3. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and to negotiate and execute agreements for approximately \$650,000 to projects approved by the Board of Directors for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. (Attachment D) Travis Noon, Manager, Administration and Finance

4. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$90,000 of Human Services Transportation TIP set-aside carryover to projects from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 call for projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.
(Attachment E) Travis Noon, Manager, Administration and Finance

5. Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for approximately \$3.3 million and to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$2.5 million to projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.
(Attachment F) Travis Noon, Manager, Administration and Finance

Administrative items

6. Report of the Chair

7. Report of the Executive Director

8. **Next meeting – July 17, 2024**

9. Other matters by members

10. Adjourn



Attachment A

Summary of May 1, 2024 special meeting

Special Finance and Budget Committee Meeting Summary

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Members Present

Rich Kondo, Chair	City of Northglenn
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Adam Paul	City and County of Denver
Lesley Dahlkemper (Alternate)	Jefferson County
Angela Lawson	Aurora
Stephen Barr	Littleton
Wynne Shaw	Lone Tree
Nichole Sterling	Nederland

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Rich Kondo called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

Move to approve consent agenda

Director Barr **moved** to approve the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the April 17, 2024 meeting.

Discussion of recommending approval of the DRCOG Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget to the Board of Directors

Jenny Dock provided a brief review of the budget to the members. DRCOG staff presented the draft budget for discussion to Finance and Budget committee on April 17, 2024. The 2024/2025 budget is a fiscal guide for the operation of DRCOG from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. The budget highlights work activities in DRCOG's Work Program for the Denver metro region.

No revisions were requested by the Committee.

Director Shaw **moved** to recommend approval of the DRCOG Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget to the Board of Directors. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to allocate federal and state funds of approximately \$13.7 million to contracts with providers for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Sharon Day presented the fund allocations to the directors. DRCOG expects to receive an option letter from Colorado Department of Human Services extending its contract for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024. DRCOG released a Request for Proposals solicitation for Older Americans Act services last fall for the 2024-2025 grant year. Thirty-six organizations submitted proposals for 81 unique services totaling \$23 million in requested funds. Proposals were scored on various criteria by the Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA) funding subcommittee. They discussed proposals and scores, held interviews, and made funding recommendations. With reduced funding level

due to the expiration of federal American Rescue Plan Act and state Homestead funds in 2024, the subcommittee followed a funds allocations process which placed highest priority on services providing for older adults' basic needs and that serve targeted populations. If the funding award is significantly more than expected, the committee will reconvene to determine the allocation of the excess funds.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 10, 2024**, authorizing the Executive Director to allocate federal and state funds of approximately \$13.7 million to contracts with providers for Older Americans Act services for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Colorado Health Care Policy and Financing for \$92,000 to expand transitions-related outreach through March 31, 2025.

Sharon Day provided an overview of the contract to the committee. DRCOG's Community Options Program provides options counseling to residents of long-term care facilities, helping to ease their transition back into their homes or other communities of choice. In February 2024, program staff submitted a grant application to Colorado's Health Care Policy and Financing, requesting funds to help build awareness of transition services among individuals residing in nursing facilities. The funding opportunity was offered in connection with Money Follows the Person (MFP), a federal grant administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. DRCOG was recently notified that it is receiving the maximum award amount of \$92,000. The funds are available through March 31, 2025 and will mostly be used to hire one full-time equivalent employee dedicated to transitions program outreach.

Director Barr **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 11, 2024**, authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Colorado Health Care Policy and Financing for \$92,000 to expand transitions-related outreach through March 31, 2025. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program in the amount of \$975,485.70 for a period of 18 months upon contract execution to pilot and implement the Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange program.

Ron Papsdorf provided an overview of the program to the directors. On March 14, 2024, DRCOG was notified that their application to the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant opportunity was accepted. The grant award will provide \$975,486 in funding to DRCOG's Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange project to upgrade and pilot the Trip Exchange Hub, a Demand Response Transportation service that will coordinate trip requests, reduce trip denials, and streamline reporting processes. DRCOG will serve as the primary project manager for this pilot project and will lead coordination efforts between the chosen consultant(s), all project partners, and DRCOG Area Agency on Aging staff. DRCOG has been working for the past 6 years to develop a trip exchange hub that coordinates Demand Response Transportation across the region.

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Overall efforts have been unsuccessful due to lack of funding, but now with funding from the grant, DRCOG will work with local partners and Human Service Transportation Special providers to build out, pilot, and demonstrate the Ride Alliance Human Services Trip Exchange Hub. Once completed, the project will integrate and coordinate Demand Response Transportation resources to improve mobility services for clients with disabilities, of low-income, older adults, or otherwise transportation disadvantaged. Additionally, the grant funds will be used to hire a limited-term staff member to oversee and manage the Ride Alliance pilot program, essentially providing oversight to implement the SMART grant.

Director Levy **moved** to approve **Resolution Number 12, 2024**, authorizing the Executive Director to accept federal grant funds through the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program in the amount of \$975,485.70 for a period of 18 months upon contract execution to pilot and implement the ride alliance human services trip exchange program. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Report of the Chair

There was no report.

Report of the Executive Director

There was no report.

Next meeting – May 15, 2024

Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Attachment B

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for approximately \$432,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support DRCOG's Aging and Disability Resource Center.

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Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for approximately \$432,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support DRCOG's Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

This action is to recommend a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to support DRCOG's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

Background

The ADRC provides streamlined access to available long-term services and supports to help older adults age 60 and over, adults 18 and older with a disability, their caregivers, and veterans of any age in Colorado receive the services they need to remain independent in the community. ADRC community resource specialists and options counselors help consumers navigate health and long-term care options by providing options counseling, and information and referral assistance.

CDHS's State Unit on Aging entered into an inter-agency agreement with Colorado's Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing (HCPF), who administers the state's Medicaid programs, to provide oversight and administer an ADRC Medicaid Administrative Federal Financial Participation (FFP) plan. Under the ADRC FFP plan, ADRCs may obtain reimbursement for program costs associated with Medicaid-eligible activities. DRCOG entered into an agreement with CDHS for the ADRC FFP plan starting November 2020. We anticipate receiving an option letter from CDHS that extends the ADRC FFP contract for a fifth consecutive fiscal year starting July 2024. The cost reimbursement limit is approximately \$432,000, the same level as for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Action by others

n/a

Previous discussion/action

n/a



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Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for approximately \$432,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support DRCOG's Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Attachments

Draft resolution

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or drex@drcog.org; or Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, at (303) 480-6735 or jswarren@drcog.org, or Sharon Day, AAA Business Operations Manager, at (303) 480-6705 or SDay@drcog.org.



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Resolution No. 13, 2024

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for approximately \$432,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support DRCOG's Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Whereas, DRCOG is a regional Aging and Disability Resource Center for Colorado, serving area older adults, adults with disabilities and veterans by providing streamlined access to available long-term services and supports; and

Whereas, CDHS intends to continue to coordinate payment for ADRC activities under a Medicaid administrative federal financial participation (FFP) plan; and

Whereas, DRCOG anticipates receiving an option letter from CDHS that extends program cost reimbursement for one year at a limit of approximately \$432,000;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Director is authorized to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for approximately \$432,000 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 to support DRCOG's Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 15th day of May, 2024 at Denver Colorado.

Richard Kondo, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

Attachment C

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for the Area Agency on Aging and to allocate and distribute approximately \$20.5 million in state and federal funds for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 per the requirements set forth in the contract including contracting with local service providers.

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Agenda Item #: 2 - C

Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for the Area Agency on Aging and to allocate and distribute approximately \$20.5 million in state and federal funds for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 per the requirements set forth in the contract including contracting with local service providers.

Agenda item type: Consent agenda

Summary

This action is to recommend continuing a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) State Unit on Aging to fund DRCOG's Older Americans Act (OAA) programs for the 2024-2025 state fiscal year.

Background

DRCOG has a contract with CDHS that includes an annual extension option for up to five years total. We anticipate receiving the option letter to continue the contract with CDHS for a fifth and final year. The estimated total of the contract is approximately \$20.5 million from a combination of federal Older Americans Act and state Older Coloradans Act funds. The Finance and Budget Committee previously approved to allocate funds to OAA service contractors based on an estimate of the pass-through portion of funds.

Action by others

n/a

Previous discussion/action

n/a

Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for the Area Agency on Aging and to allocate and distribute approximately \$20.5 million in state and federal funds for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 per the requirements set forth in the contract including contracting with local service providers.

Attachments

Draft resolution



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Resolution No. 14, 2024

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for the Area Agency on Aging and to allocate and distribute approximately \$20.5 million in state and federal funds for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 per the requirements set forth in the contract including contracting with local service providers.

Whereas, DRCOG is the designated Area Agency on Aging under the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) and the State's Older Coloradans Act (OCA) for the eight-county metro region; and

Whereas, CDHS contracts with DRCOG to use OAA/OCA funds to provide services to older adults and their family caregivers throughout the region; and

Whereas, DRCOG must allot a certain portion of these funds to local service provider agencies;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Director is authorized to continue a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services for the Area Agency on Aging and to allocate and distribute approximately \$20.5 million in state and federal funds for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 per the requirements set forth in the contract including contracting with local service providers.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 15th day of May, 2024 at Denver Colorado.

Richard Kondo, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

Attachment D

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and to negotiate and execute agreements for approximately \$650,000 to projects approved by the Board of Directors for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

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Agenda Item #: 3

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and to negotiate and execute agreements for approximately \$650,000 to projects approved by the Board of Directors for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action regards recommended awards for Human Services Transportation TIP set-aside funding for the Denver-Aurora Urbanized area for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Background

As part of the 2024-2027 TIP, the Denver Regional Council of Governments set-aside \$8 million for the Human Services Transportation Set-aside. DRCOG released a call for projects for the 2024 Human Services Transportation Set-aside in fall of 2022 with the original projects dates to begin July 1, 2023 and end June 30, 2024. These projects were reviewed by an independent panel of experts and stakeholders in the region and scored based on the criteria outlined in DRCOG's Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Management Plan. These projects were presented to the Transportation Advisory Committee, the Regional Transportation Committee and the Board of Directors for approval in 2023.

In the 2020-2023 TIP, DRCOG was able to enter into an agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation District to swap the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding for state FASTER funds. This allowed the funding to be extremely flexible and to be used as match on the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding and the Older Americans Act/State Funding for Senior Services funds awarded by DRCOG. DRCOG was notified late by RTD that they would be unable to agree to this swap for the 2024-2027 TIP.

DRCOG had to reevaluate the projects for eligibility and adjust the TIP to ensure that projects could be honored. In addition, DRCOG needed to work with CDOT staff, as well as staff from Federal Transit Administration to determine whether DRCOG could administer these projects. The \$2 million for 2024 Human Services Transportation Set-aside funding is in the TIP as partially Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds and Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund money. Unlike previous years, where DRCOG administered the whole set-aside, only a portion of the projects will be administered by DRCOG. The remaining will be



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administered by the Colorado Department of Transportation. CDOT will administer approximately \$900,000 in Human Services Transportation awards.

DRCOG has flexed approximately \$650,000 of the Human Services Transportation Set-aside funding to the Federal Transit Administration, which will be administered by DRCOG. DRCOG has gotten the okay from the Federal Transit Administration to use pre-award authority to negotiate subrecipient agreements prior to the funding being secured by DRCOG. All projects that will be awarded this portion of the funds are for capital projects, mostly to purchase vehicles. All other remaining funds from the Human Services Transportation Set-aside will be unallocated and made available in the next call for projects.

Action by others

[February 27, 2023](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval.

[March 14, 2023](#) – Regional Transportation Committee recommended approval.

[April 19, 2023](#) – Board of Directors approved the recommended projects.

Previous discussion/action

[June 21, 2023](#) – Finance and Budget Committee.

Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and to negotiate and execute agreements for approximately \$650,000 to projects approved by the Board of Directors for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Attachments

1. Fiscal Year 2024 Human Services Transportation TIP Set-aside Awards
2. Draft resolution

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6701 or drex@drcog.org; or Travis Noon, Program Manager – Area Agency on Aging Grant Compliance, Administration and Finance, at 303-480-6775 or tnoon@drcog.org.



**2023-2024 Human Services Transportation TIP, FTA Section 5310, OAA/SFSS Transportation
Request for Proposals Recommendations**

Fiscal Year 2024 Human Services Transportation Set-aside Awards

Agency	Proposal Name	Project	Amount Awarded
A Little Help	A Little Help with Transportation for Older Adults in Metro Denver	Software Upgrades	\$18,865.00
AbleLight	Addressing Transportation Needs for Developmentally Disabled - AbleLight ADA Van Replacement	ADA Compliant Vehicle Replacement - 2 Vehicles	\$170,238.00
City of Lakewood	City of Lakewood - Lakewood Rides 2023-2024	ADA Compliant Vehicle Replacement - 1 Class B BOCs, 1 Class D BOC	\$246,925.00
Jewish Family Service of Colorado	Jewish Family Service - Arts and Community Explorations on the Move	ADA Compliant Vehicles Expansion - 1 Ford Transit	\$54,077.00
Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults	LARADON VEHICLE REPLACEMENT AND OPERATING REQUEST FOR FY 23/24	ADA Compliant Vehicles Replacement - 2 ADA Minivans	\$153,000.00
Total			\$643,105.00

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Resolution No. 15, 2024

A resolution authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and to negotiate and execute agreements for approximately \$650,000 to projects approved by the Board of Directors for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Whereas, DRCOG Board of Director's set aside \$8 million as part of the 2024-2027 TIP for Human Services Transportation; and

Whereas, DRCOG released a call for projects for the Human Services Transportation in fall 2022 for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 and unforeseen delays have caused these projects to not begin as originally planned; and

Whereas, DRCOG flexed approximately \$650,000 of Human Services Transportation Set-aside funding to the Federal Transit Administration for stewardship by DRCOG; and

Whereas, the delays in the project funding were no fault of the intended subrecipients and DRCOG intends to honor the awarded projects from the last call, and change the project dates to the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee hereby authorizes the executive director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$650,000 to projects approved by the Board of Directors for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 15th day of May, 2024 at Denver Colorado.

Richard Kondo, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
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ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

Attachment E

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$90,000 of Human Services Transportation TIP set-aside carryover to projects from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 call for projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

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Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$90,000 of Human Services Transportation TIP set-aside carryover to projects from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 call for projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action regards recommended awards for Human Services Transportation TIP set-aside funding for the Denver-Aurora Urbanized area for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Background

The Denver Regional Council of Governments entered into an agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation for \$1.5 million which expires on December 31, 2026 for the Human Services Transportation TIP Set-aside for fiscal year 2023. This funding was originally awarded to projects beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. There is approximately \$90,000 remaining that will be awarded to projects through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 call for projects that was released in the fall 2023.

DRCOG released a call for projects in November 2023 soliciting proposals for the section 5310 funding. DRCOG received requests from 10 agencies totaling over \$4.1 million for capital, operating and mobility management projects that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities. The proposals were reviewed by an independent panel of stakeholders and experts in the region, which included staff from the City and County of Denver, City of Northglenn, Adams County, and members of DRCOG's Advisory Committee on Aging. Each proposal was reviewed and scored based on the criteria outlined in DRCOG's Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Management Plan.

The selection panel met to discuss the proposals and make project funding recommendations. The panel prioritized funding for ongoing operations and mobility management support over capital requests. The capital requests for replacing worn down vehicles were recommended based on prior year awards for replacements, and the useful life of the vehicles being replaced. No awards are recommended for software purchases, as the requests were not as competitive compared to other projects or were relatively small requests the panel felt like could be funded elsewhere. No requests for expansion vehicles were recommended, as the



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replacement requests from that organization were prioritized to maintain operations and there wasn't enough funding to accommodate all the projects.

Action by others

[March 25, 2024](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval.

[May 14, 2024](#) – Regional Transportation Committee will make a recommendation

[May 15, 2024](#) – Board of Directors will make a motion.

Previous discussion/action

n/a

Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$90,000 of Human Services Transportation TIP set-aside carryover to projects from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 call for projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Attachments

1. Fiscal Year 2025 Human Services Transportation TIP Set-aside Carryover Awards
2. Draft resolution

For more information

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Fiscal Year 2025 Human Services Transportation Set-Aside Carryover Awards

Organization	Proposed Service	HST Carryover
Via Mobility Services	Operating Assistance	\$38,021.00
Douglas County Government	Mobility Management	\$50,705.00
Total		\$88,726.00

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Resolution No. 16, 2024

A resolution authorizing the executive director to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$90,000 of Human Services Transportation TIP set-aside carryover to projects from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 call for projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Whereas, DRCOG entered into an agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation for \$1.5 million for the Human Services Transportation TIP set-aside for fiscal year 2023; and

Whereas, there is approximately \$90,000 of unspent and uncommitted funding from the original projects under this agreement from the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and

Whereas, DRCOG released a call for projects for the Federal Transit Administration Sections 5310 funding the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and applications were reviewed and projects were selected by an independent review panel and confirmed by the Board of Directors; and

Whereas, Project eligibility for the Human Services Transportation TIP Set-aside is identical to the 5310 funding.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee hereby authorizes the executive director to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$90,000 of Human Services Transportation TIP set-aside carryover to projects from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 call for projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 15th day of May, 2024 at Denver Colorado.

Richard Kondo
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

Attachment F

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for approximately \$3.3 million and to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$2.5 million to projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

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Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for approximately \$3.3 million and to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$2.5 million to projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

This action regards recommended awards for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding for the Denver-Aurora Urbanized area for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Background

The Denver Regional Council of Governments is the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding for the Denver-Aurora urbanized area. The program provides annual funding to support specialized transit services for older adults and individuals with disabilities. Approximately \$3.1 million is available for projects for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Original estimates for funding availability were based on five-month apportionments from the Federal Transit Administration for federal fiscal year 2024 and federal fiscal year 2022 unspent funding available. The annualized estimated for federal fiscal year 2024 funding was \$3.3 million. However, the FTA released full year apportionments in April 2024 and the actual funding apportioned for federal fiscal year 2024 is about \$2.9 million. Approximately \$400,000 less than originally estimated. Based on projected unspent funding currently awarded being available to carryover for the DRCOG project, DRCOG staff is recommending amending the awards recommended by the review panel to reduce the award amount to DRCOG from \$900,000 to \$516,346. All other projects will remain as originally recommended by the review panel.

DRCOG released a call for projects in November 2023 soliciting proposals for the section 5310 funding. DRCOG received requests from 10 agencies totaling over \$4.1 million for capital, operating and mobility management projects that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities. The proposals were reviewed by an independent panel of stakeholders and experts in the region, which included staff from the City and County of Denver, City of Northglenn, Adams County, and members of DRCOG's Advisory Committee on Aging. Each



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The selection panel met to discuss the proposals and make project funding recommendations. The panel prioritized funding for ongoing operations and mobility management support over capital requests. The capital requests for replacing worn down vehicles were recommended based on prior year awards for replacements, and the useful life of the vehicles being replaced. No awards are recommended for software purchases, as the requests were not as competitive compared to other projects or were relatively small requests the panel felt like could be funded elsewhere. No requests for expansion vehicles were recommended, as the replacement requests from that organization were prioritized to maintain operations and there wasn't enough funding to accommodate all the projects.

Action by others

[March 25, 2024](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval.

[May 14, 2024](#) – Regional Transportation Committee will make a recommendation

[May 15, 2024](#) – Board of Directors will make a motion.

Previous discussion/action

n/a

Recommendation

Move to approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for approximately \$3.3 million and to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$2.5 million to projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Attachments

1. Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Recommended Awards
2. Draft resolution

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DRCOG Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Awards

Organization	Proposed Service	Amount Awarded
Via Mobility Services	Operating Assistance	\$945,414.00
City of Lakewood	Operating Assistance	\$70,000.00
Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults	Operating Assistance	\$140,000.00
Via Mobility Services	Mobility Management	\$479,000.00
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Mobility Management	\$516,346.00
A Little Help	Mobility Management	\$20,000.00
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center	Mobility Management	\$297,000.00
Douglas County Government	Mobility Management	\$250,182.00
Support Management	Capital Projects - ADA Compliant Vehicle Replacement	\$144,416.00
Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults	Capital Projects - ADA Compliant Vehicle Replacement	\$102,476.00
Easter Seals Colorado	Capital Projects - ADA Compliant Vehicle Replacement	\$94,000.00
Support Management	Capital Projects - Vehicle Expansion	\$0.00
City and County of Broomfield	Capital Projects - Equipment	\$0.00
A Little Help	Capital Projects - Equipment	\$0.00
Total		\$3,058,834.00

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Finance and Budget Committee

Resolution No. 17, 2024

A resolution authorizing the executive director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for approximately \$3.3 million and to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$2.5 million to projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Whereas, DRCOG is the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration section 5310 funding for the Denver-Aurora Urbanized area which provides funding for transit capital, operating and mobility management projects that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas, the federal fiscal year 2024 apportionment of 5310 funding for the Denver-Aurora Urbanized area is approximately \$2.9 million and there is approximately \$300,000 in carryover funding available from prior fiscal years; and

Whereas, DRCOG released a call for projects for the period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and applications were reviewed and projects were selected by an independent review panel and confirmed by the Board of Directors; and

Whereas, DRCOG will retain approximately \$250,000 of this available funding for administrative expenses, and DRCOG Area Agency on Aging was a successful project that was awarded approximately \$500,000.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Finance and Budget Committee hereby authorizes the executive director to enter into an agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for approximately \$3.3 million and to negotiate and execute agreements with subrecipients for approximately \$2.5 million to projects pending approval by the Board of Directors for period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 15th day of May, 2024 at Denver Colorado.

Richard Kondo, Chair
Finance and Budget Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director