

Legislation Text

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Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Sub-Recipient Contracts

Action:

Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute contracts with the following organizations as sub-recipients for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant projects:

- **Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) in an amount not-to-exceed \$187,109,**
- **Iredell County (operating) in an amount not-to-exceed \$125,000,**
- **Iredell County (capital) in an amount not-to-exceed \$112,000,**
- **Mainstreaming Consultants, Inc. d/b/a Disability Rights & Resources in an amount not-to-exceed \$182,278,**
- **Metrolina Association for the Blind (operating) in an amount not-to-exceed \$129,663,**
- **Metrolina Association for the Blind (capital) in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,000, and**
- **Union County in an amount not-to-exceed \$72,000.**

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Explanation

- The Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program (FTA Program) is designed to award grants to improve transportation services to seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- CATS is the designated recipient of FTA Program funds for the urbanized area, which includes the responsibility of administering funds for appropriate sub-recipient projects. Eligible CATS projects may also receive FTA Program funds.
- Federal grants pay a percentage of the project costs, up to 50 percent for operating projects and up to 80 percent for capital and mobility management projects.
- The award of FTA Program funds, will be matched by award recipients, as described below:
 - Centralina (CCOG):
 - This project will provide enhanced coordination between service providers to improve transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
 - The FTA award is \$187,109 in additional to \$46,778 from CCOG.
 - Iredell County (operating):

- This project will provide transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities traveling within and to the urbanized area.
 - The FTA award is \$125,000 in addition to \$125,000 from Iredell County.
- Iredell County (capital):
 - This project will upgrade Iredell County’s scheduling software.
 - The FTA award is \$112,000 in addition to \$28,000 from Iredell County.
- Mainstreaming Consultants d/b/a Disability Rights and Resources (DRR):
 - This project is designed to provide travel training services to increase transportation options for individuals with disabilities. The FTA award is \$182,278 in addition to \$45,570 from DRR.
- Metrolina Association for the Blind (operating):
 - This project is designed to go beyond the ADA required door-to-door service to provide additional assistance to visually impaired passengers in managing support within buildings.
 - The FTA award for this project is \$129,663 with an additional \$129,663 from Metrolina Association for the Blind.
- Metrolina Association for the Blind (capital):
 - This project will provide for a training video for public and private providers on safely transporting visually impaired passengers.
 - The FTA award for this project is \$2,000 with an additional \$500 from Metrolina Association for the Blind.
- Union County:
 - This project will provide demand response transportation services to seniors and individuals with disabilities.
 - The FTA award for this project is \$72,000 in addition to \$72,000 from Union County.
- In addition to the sub-recipient projects above, the following three CATS projects will also be funded by this FTA Program:
 - CATS Bus Stop Accessibility Improvements:
 - This project will make ADA compliant improvements to bus routes with connections along the Blue Line Extension.
 - The FTA Award for this project is \$196,000 with and additional \$49,000 from CATS Community Investment Plan.
 - CATS scheduling software:
 - This project will purchase and implement scheduling software for CATS STS demand response service.
 - The FTA award is \$440,000 with an additional \$110,000 from CATS Community Investment Plan.
 - CATS Program Administration:
 - As allowed under the FTA Program \$160,672 will be used to fund CATS administration of the grant associated business with the sub-recipients.
- Contracts related to these CATS projects will be brought to City Council before the end of the year

2017.

- 5310 grant funding is made available annually from FTA based on a federal formula, then awarded to eligible programs on a competitive basis.
- The next round of formula funds for the urbanized area will be administered and awarded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Federal Transit Administration Grant with matching Contributions from Sub-Recipients and CATS Community Investment Plan