

COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

Commission Business Meeting



Agenda
November 8, 2016
9:00 AM until Completion
2740 Centerview Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Marion Hart, Chairman
Mike Willingham, Vice-Chairman
David Darm, Commissioner
Becki Forsell, Commissioner
Dane Grey, Commissioner
Dr. Phillip Stevens, Commissioner
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II	Introduction of Commissioners and Advisors	Commissioners and Advisors
III	Commissioner and Advisor Reports	Commissioners and Advisors
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V	Mobility Enhancement Grant Recommendations (Second Round)	Steve Holmes
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VII	Commissioner and Advisor Comments	Commissioners and Advisors
VIII	Adjournment	Chairman Hart

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State of Florida
Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged
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MEETING DATE: November 8, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:

V. 2016 Mobility Enhancement Grant Recommendations – Second Round

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Legislature authorized the Commission to competitively award \$1,750,000 of non-recurring funds to Community Transportation Coordinators (CTCs) to support projects that:

- 1) enhance the access of older adults, persons with disabilities, and low income individuals to healthcare, shopping, education, employment, etc.;
- 2) assist in the development, improvement, and use of transportation systems in non-urbanized areas;
- 3) promote the efficient coordination of services;
- 4) support inter-city bus transportation; or
- 5) encourage private transportation provider participation.

Five projects were awarded during the first round of applications and services began as early as July 1, 2016 for a total of \$693,265. The Commission approved a second application period for projects that would begin January 1, 2017. Grant Applications for a second round of projects were emailed to eligible applicants on June 13, 2016, with a deadline of October 11, 2016. The Mobility Enhancement Grant Subcommittee met on October 27, 2016. In attendance were Commissioner Marion Hart, Agency Advisors, Kayla Castello (DOT) James Finch (DEO) (via conference call), and Sheri Powers, Bill Hearndon, John Irvine, Ivan Maldonado, from Commission staff. Ten applications were submitted totaling approximately \$1.1 million in grant funds. The committee reviewed all 10 proposed project requests and recommended two projects for funding. The Mobility Enhancement Grant Summary is attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

2016-17 Mobility Enhancement Grant Summary – Second Round

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

Recommend the Commission approve the FY 2016-17 Mobility Enhancement Grant Subcommittee Recommendations – Second Round.



Steve Holmes

Executive Director

Date: November 8, 2016

Second Round 2016-17 Mobility Enhancement Grant Summary

County	Community Transportation Coordinator	Project Description	Committee Comments	Requested Total Project Cost (100%)	Requested TD Dollar Amount (90%)	Recommended Funding
Columbia	Suwannee Valley Transit Authority	The agency proposes a six month pilot in which "on-demand" same day service will be provided to TD users within the City of Lake City for medical, pharmacy and shopping. Trips will be provided based on availability and serve both ambulatory and wheelchair riders. Riders will need to call at least 30 minutes in advance.	Utilization of existing resources, gravitating towards existing MEG projects. Disallow vehicle wrap and marketing expenses to provide additional trips. Additional performance measures are needed to include customer satisfaction.	\$33,564.60	\$30,208.14	\$30,208.14
Orange, Osceola and Seminole	Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX)	Funding is requested to implement a pilot taxi voucher program in which selected TD riders would utilize taxi service to/from designated Dialysis centers in each county. The pilot is intended to reduce the wait time of Dialysis patients to access transportation to and from treatment which may be extremely exhausting.	Proposal well written. Reduce the pilot sample and project funding by half.	\$237,600.00	\$213,840.00	\$106,920.00
Brevard	Brevard County BOCC	Space Coast Transit provides transportation to TD riders through the Space Coast Center for Independent Living Inc., which operates the "Need a Ride" program. Since this program only has 2 vehicles and the demand is great, customers needing transportation services may experience a 2 to 3 week waiting period. Funding is requested to cover the operational expenses of additional vehicles for the "Need a Ride" program.	Not enough detail in proposal.	\$129,558.00	\$116,602.00	\$0.00

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Brevard	Brevard County BOCC	<p>The applicant is considering eliminating the use of single trip fixed route passes in exchange for all day passes. Funding is requested to purchase day passes to provide one time assistance to human services agencies as the agency transitions from the use of single ride to all day passes.</p> <p>Additional funding is requested to purchase monthly and 10 ride bus passes to be given to the South Brevard Women's Center.</p>	Could do with existing resources.	\$40,125.00	\$36,112.50	\$0.00
Indian River	Senior Resource Association Inc.	<p>The proposed project is two-tiered:</p> <p>1. "Transportation Disadvantaged Same Day Program" – Is a six month pilot project in which same day transportation for urgent medical trips are provided to frequently visited health care facilities based on available services. TD users will need to schedule trips at least 1 hour in advance.</p> <p>2. "Transportation Service Gap Employment Program" – Is a six month pilot project, in which transportation for employment will be provided to TD riders who work outside the current CTC hours of service. Service will be provided on an availability basis.</p>	<p>Would employers consider this service "reliable transportation?"</p> <p>Lack of documentation of need.</p> <p>Agency indicated that they would move forward with or without MEG funding.</p> <p>Need of driver resources.</p>	\$25,276.00	\$22,748.40	\$0.00

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Manatee	Manatee County BOCC/ Manatee County Area Transit	Funding is requested to increase the frequency of route 6, from its existing 60 minute frequency to every 30 minutes. Route 6 is a core route that operates along the Cortez corridor, an urbanized area where riders have access to employment, health care and shopping centers including the DeSoto Square Mall. The agency is also requesting funding to create a 31 day unlimited bus pass.	Operational expenses specifically cannot be funded with this grant.	\$217,718.00	\$184,000.00	\$0.00
Monroe	Guidance/Care Center Inc.	The agency provides fixed scheduled paratransit services between the upper and lower Keys. The scheduled services operate with a split shift with no service between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm. The agency's proposed project will add an additional service to both shifts to provide transportation in between the split shifts.	No documentation to support need for the additional service. Extremely high administrative costs.	\$51,438.84	\$46,294.56	\$0.00
Putnam, Baker, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Hamilton, Nassau, St. John and Suwannee Counties	Ride Solutions Inc.	In the proposed project, Ride Solutions will develop software and hardware to integrate the computer systems of Medicaid HMOs, transportation brokers and transportation providers to increase the wellness of rural residents. To accomplish this, they will work together with medical and dialysis centers, HMOs, brokers and transportation providers. They will host a summit and workshops to gather input to develop solutions. Will market public transportation and provide free bus passes to encourage its use.	Not eligible under this grant.	\$330,000.00	\$297,000.00	\$0.00

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St. Lucie	St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners	The current single trip fare for fixed route service in St. Lucie County is \$2.00. It is believed that this cost may deter TD citizens from using the fixed route system, as they may not be able to afford the current fare. Funding is requested for a pilot project in which customers would be able to ride the entire system (demand response and fixed route) fare free. This will gauge how many potential TD users would use the system if the fare was more affordable. The intent of this pilot is to attract more TD riders to the system, to increase ridership and meet any existing transportation gaps.	Agency has already completed a one-month study. They would like to do a longer study to see the impact on ridership and cost of fare collection. Agency could benefit from more time to develop grant application scope.	\$66,666.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Volusia	Votran	A six month pilot project is proposed in which Votran Gold riders will be able to ride fare free on the existing fixed route system. Travel training will be provided to assist users as they learn how to maneuver the various routes.	There would continue to be a cost of providing paratransit feeder service. Difficulty coordinating transfers between modes. Cost saving to agency, not to TD. Unclear how project services would be charged and reimbursed in grant, per rider.	\$45,500.00	\$40,950.00	\$0.00
Total				\$1,177,446.44	\$1,047,755.60	\$137,128.14

Approved Budget \$1,750,000.00
Awarded 1st Round \$693,265.00
Available Budget \$1,056,735.00
Remaining after MEG II \$919,606.86