



May 14, 2020

To: Transit Committee

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Amendment to Cooperative Agreements with Non-Profit Agencies to Provide Senior Mobility Program Services

Overview

The Senior Mobility Program is designed to offer transportation alternatives to seniors in addition to local fixed-route and paratransit service. There are currently three non-profit agencies that participate in the Senior Mobility Program and receive funding from local sources other than Measure M2 to support the services. The current funding agreements with these three agencies require amendments to include fiscal year 2020-21 funding in order to continue the service.

Recommendations

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 7 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2490 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Abrazar, Inc., in the amount of \$91,989, to provide funding through June 30, 2021.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 8 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2491 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Korean American Senior Association, in the amount of \$113,092, to provide funding through June 30, 2021.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 6 to Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2492 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Southland Integrated Services, Inc., in the amount of \$99,441, to provide funding through June 30, 2021.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) established the Senior Mobility Program (SMP) in 2001 to help expand transportation services for seniors. The SMP was funded with Transportation Development Act funds from 2001 through 2011. On November 7, 2006, Orange County voters approved the renewal of Measure M (M2), the one-half cent sales tax for transportation improvements. M2 Project U apportions funding to support specialized transportation programs for seniors and persons with disabilities, including the SMP. One percent of net M2 revenues is allocated to the SMP and distributed via formula to participating Orange County cities. The formula is based upon each city's population of residents age 60 and older.

To date, 31 cities have implemented SMP services. In addition to the city-initiated programs, there are currently three local non-profit agencies that also operate SMP services. These agencies have been providing services since before M2 became the primary funding source for SMP and have been grandfathered into the program. These agencies provide services to seniors for trips that cross city boundaries, but do not qualify for M2 funding because the programs are run by local non-profit agencies, not local jurisdictions. OCTA has continued to support these three SMP programs using other local transit funding because of the significant transportation benefit provided to the community.

The three non-profit agencies in the SMP are Abrazar, Inc., Korean American Senior Association, and Southland Integrated Services, Inc. These three non-profit agencies provided 120,485 trips in fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 and received \$297,094 in funding from OCTA. Although, they are not eligible to receive M2 funding, they comply with all SMP guidelines and continue to receive other local funding from OCTA to provide a key link in the transportation network.

The funding provided for these programs is based on the anticipated number of trips for each FY. Consistent with funding provided to participating cities for SMP, OCTA funds 80 percent of the trip cost and the organization must provide a 20 percent match.

In order to preserve these services and support OCTA's goal under M2 Project U to expand mobility choices for seniors and persons with disabilities, Board of Directors' (Board) approval is necessary to execute amendments to provide the funds for these services through June 30, 2021. The total local funding allocation necessary for these services is \$304,522.

Fiscal Impact

These services will be included in the proposed OCTA FY 2020-21 Budget, Operations Division, Paratransit Services, accounts 0030-7831-D1502-PDK, 0030-7831-D1502-PDW, and 0030-7831-D1502-PEE, using local transportation funds.

Summary

Based on the information provided, staff recommends the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute amendments, in the total amount of \$304,522, between OCTA and Abrazar, Inc., Korean American Senior Association, and Southland Integrated Services, Inc., to provide trips to local seniors in Orange County through June 30, 2021.

Attachments

- A. Non-Profit Agency Funding Projections, Fiscal Years 2019-20 to 2020-21
- B. Abrazar, Inc., Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2490 Fact Sheet
- C. Korean American Senior Association, Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2491 Fact Sheet
- D. Southland Integrated Services, Inc., Cooperative Agreement No. C-1-2492 Fact Sheet

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