



August 10, 2017

To: Transit Committee

From: Darrell Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Amendments to Cooperative Agreements for Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 and Section 5317 Grant Programs

Overview

As the regional transportation planning agency for Orange County, the Orange County Transportation Authority is responsible for the allocation of funding under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5316, Job Access Reverse Commute, and Section 5317, New Freedom programs. Since 2009, the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors has approved more than \$15 million in funding. Staff is seeking approval to amend the agreements with six agencies to exercise the option terms for one year and award additional grant funding.

Recommendations

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. C-3-1827 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Abrazar, Inc., in the amount of \$5,000, to fund the Section 5316 grant program through September 30, 2018. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$990,105.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. C-3-1830 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, in the amount of \$60,925, to fund the Section 5316 grant program through September 30, 2018. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$288,238.

- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. C-3-1831 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Dayle McIntosh Center for the Disabled, in the amount of \$124,000, to fund the Section 5316 grant programs through September 30, 2018. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$767,751.
- D. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. C-3-1833 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Jewish Federation and Family Services, in the amount of \$120,182, to fund the Section 5316 and Section 5317 grant programs through September 30, 2018. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$1,437,582.
- E. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. C-3-1834 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and North Orange County Community College District, in the amount of \$130,000, to fund the Section 5316 grant program through September 30, 2018. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$653,107.
- F. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. C-3-1837 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Women Helping Women/Men2Work, in the amount of \$51,868, to fund the Section 5316 grant program through September 30, 2018. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$225,080.

Discussion

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is responsible for the allocation of funding under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317 New Freedom (NF) programs. These funds were made available for programming under the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). JARC and NF program funding is available for projects designed specifically to meet the needs of seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons of low income.

Since 2009, projects funded under these grant programs have proved successful in meeting gaps identified in the OCTA Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan. Agencies awarded this funding are providing trips, mobility management services, workshops, and travel training, which enhance existing transportation programs and services that are critical to the populations served by this funding.

Currently, six agencies participate in the JARC and NF programs. The third option term of the current cooperative agreements with these agencies expires on September 30, 2017. Approximately \$3.6 million in unallocated funding under SAFETEA-LU is available for programming. Funding requests from current agencies are evaluated annually, and agencies may be eligible to receive one-year funding allocation until all SAFETEA-LU funding has been expended.

A total of \$491,975 in additional funding has been requested by these agencies to continue their current programs and services (Attachment A). Upon approval by the Board of Directors (Board), staff will execute amendments to the cooperative agreements with these agencies to exercise the fourth one-year option term and increase the funding amount (Attachments B through G).

Fiscal Impact

The OCTA Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget includes funding for the FTA Section 5316 and 5317 programs. There are no fiscal impacts associated with these actions, as the expenses will be fully funded through the FTA Section 5316 and 5317 grants. The federal share for these programs is 80 percent of the total capital costs of the project and 50 percent of the total operating costs. Participating agencies are required to fulfill the local non-federal match requirement.

Summary

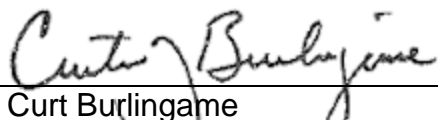
Based on the information provided, staff recommends the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute amendments to the six cooperative agreements and authorize the award of \$491,975 in Section 5316 and 5317 funds for transportation projects and programs serving seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons of low income.

Attachments

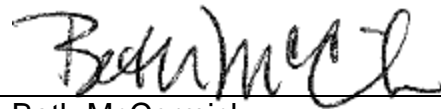
- A. Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 and 5317 Grant Programs, Federal Fiscal Year 2017-18 Funding Request Summary
- B. Abrazar, Inc., Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1827 Fact Sheet
- C. Boys and Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1830 Fact Sheet
- D. Dayle McIntosh Center for the Disabled, Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1831 Fact Sheet
- E. Jewish Federation and Family Services, Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1833 Fact Sheet
- F. North Orange County Community College District, Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1834 Fact Sheet
- G. Women Helping Women/Men2Work, Cooperative Agreement No. C-3-1837 Fact Sheet

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