# Slide 1:

# Presentation Title:

# FTA Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA):

Overview of Applications Received and Timeline for Selection and TPB Approval

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Slide 2: Purpose

* CRRSAA overview
* Provide a review of the selection process
* Summarize applications received
* Discuss next steps

Photo of an Arc of Prince William County bus with a participant coming down the front stairs

Slide 3: CRRSAA Funding

* On December 27, 2020, CRRSAA was signed into law.
* Included $50 million for the 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program
* Washington, DC/VA/MD urbanized area = $532,218 (100 % Federal) available for award
* For expenses eligible under Enhanced Mobility, but recipients are directed to prioritize payroll and operational needs.

Slide 4: Eligibility Criteria

* Available to existing subrecipients and recent subrecipients of Enhanced Mobility (or JARC and New Freedom projects funded under an Enhanced Mobility solicitation) who qualify.
* The application must be for the benefit of the same project as the existing or recently closed award, and/or for transportation to COVID vaccination sites. If for vehicles already delivered, it should be to support the purpose of the vehicles, i.e., driver salaries, coordination staff, operating costs, etc.
* Applicants were required to document impact, specifically the need to end or limit activities or services and lay off or furlough staff.
* Applicants were required to document that any CARES act dollars received have been fully expended or were not used for the project in the application

Slide 5: Selection Committee Process

* Internal selection committee of COG and TPB staff scored applications based on Selection Criteria
* April 7 selection committee met to develop recommendations for funding
* Funding recommendations are being reviewed by TPB Officers and Chair Aguirre for concurrence

Slide 6: Selection Criteria

Recommendations for funding will be based on the following selection criteria:

* Project Focus (45 points)

This criterion looks at how the project meets the intent of the funding and addresses a demonstrated need, in consultation with the target population. Per FTA guidance, projects that request payroll and operational funding will take priority and may score higher. Transportation to vaccination sites is an eligible expense under CRRSAA. Applications that address this important need and serve equity emphasis areas on the process may score higher.

* Project Feasibility (25 points)

This criterion looks at how well the application addresses how the project will be implemented, including defined roles and responsibilities and an action plan that is achievable within an 18-month timeframe.

* Institutional Capacity to Manage and Administer an FTA grant (20 points)

This criterion considers the availability of sufficient management, staff and resources to implement an FTA grant and past grant performance.

* Partnerships/Coordination (10 points)

This criterion considers projects that coordinate efforts or develop partnerships that aid older adults and people with disabilities in accessing mobility services during the pandemic. Additional points will be awarded to partnerships across departments or jurisdictions.

Slide 7: Summary of Applications Received

Funding Available: $532,218

Requested: $1,430,221

Total Number of Projects: 9

None for Vehicle Acquisition

Federal Funds Requested: $1.4M

Slide 8: Summary of Applications Received

Transportation to Vaccination Sites

* 5 applications
  + Project types:
    - Taxi voucher programs
    - Mobility Management – assistance in scheduling appointment and finding transportation
  + 1 DC
  + 2 MD
  + 2 VA

Note: Two will serve DC as well as MD and/or VA

Slide 9: Summary of Applications Received

Reinstate transportation programming/bring back furloughed workers

* 2 applications
  + Project types:
    - Driver salaries & benefits
    - Vehicle operating costs
  + 0 DC
  + 0 MD
  + 2 VA

Slide 10: Summary of Applications Received

Other - combination

* 2 applications
  + Project types:
    - Staff for wheelchair accessible taxi programming
    - Transportation to medical appointments, delivery of meals, medication, etc.
  + 0 DC
  + 2 MD
  + 0 VA

Slide 10: Next Steps

April

* TPB staff notify applicants of recommendations
* TPB approval and TIP amendment
* COG staff ensure requirements are met and begin FTA submission process
* Following FTA approval (est. 4-6 months, but pre-award authority) COG will initiate contracts with the subrecipients

Next Solicitations

* American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) – formula, dollar amount the same as CRRSAA, parameters similar
* Enhanced Mobility – about $6M in matching grants, Summer 2021

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