# FTA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA)

#### **Overview of Applications Received and Timeline for Selection and TPB Approval**

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#### **Purpose**

- Provide ARPA overview
- Review the selection process
- Summarize applications received
- Discuss next steps



Source: NADTC



## **ARPA Funding**

- On March 11, 2021, ARPA was signed into law.
- Included \$50 million for the 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program
- Washington, DC/VA/MD urbanized area = \$532,226 (100 % Federal) available for award
- For expenses eligible under Enhanced Mobility, but recipients are directed to prioritize payroll and operational needs



## **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.



## **Selection Committee Process**

- Internal selection committee of COG and TPB staff will score applications based on Selection Criteria
- Selection committee will meet to develop recommendations for funding



#### **Selection Criteria**

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

Criterion	Maximum Points
Project Focus:	45
Additional points (up to the 45) will be awarded to projects addressing transportation to vaccination sites in Equity Emphasis Areas	
Project Feasibility	25
Institutional Capacity to Manage and Administer an FTA Grant	20
Partnership/Coordination Additional points (up to the 10) will be awarded to partnerships across department or	10
jurisdictions	



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## **Summary of Applications Received**

#### Funding Available: \$532,226 Requested: \$1,169,333

	Requested
Total Number of Projects:	9
Vehicle Acquisition:	0
Other than Vehicle:	9
Federal Funds:	\$1.16M



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## **Summary of Applications Received**

#### **Transportation to Vaccination Sites**

- 4 applications
- Project types:
  - Taxi voucher programs
  - Mobility Management assistance in scheduling appointment and finding transportation

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



	Number of	
State	Applications	
DC	0	
Maryland	2	
Virginia	2	

## **Summary of Applications Received**

#### Reinstate transportation programming/bring back furloughed workers

- 5 applications
  - Driver salaries & benefits
  - Vehicle operating costs

	Number of	
State	Applications	
DC	1	
Maryland	2	
Virginia	2	



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#### **Next Steps**

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

#### Next Solicitation

 Enhanced Mobility – about \$6.3M in matching grants, Preapplication conferences happening now. Application period July 1 – September 1



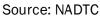
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