# 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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# **Purpose**

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



Source: Arc of Greater Prince William



# **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.



# **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 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



#### **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   | 20             |
| an FTA Grant  |                |
| Partnership/Coordination  | 10             |
| Additional points (up to the 10) will be awarded  |                |
| to partnerships across department or  |                |
| jurisdictions   |                |



Funding Available: \$532,218

Requested: \$1,430,221

|                           | Requested |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Total Number of Projects: | 9         |
| Vehicle Acquisition:      | O         |
| Other than Vehicle:       | 9         |
| Federal Funds:            | \$1.4M    |



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

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

| State    | Number of<br>Applications |
|----------|---------------------------|
| DC       | 1                         |
| Maryland | 2                         |
| Virginia | 2                         |

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



# Reinstate transportation programming/bring back furloughed workers

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

| State    | Number of Applications |
|----------|------------------------|
| DC       | 0                      |
| Maryland | 0                      |
| Virginia | 2                      |



#### Other - combination

- Project types:
  - Staff for wheelchair accessible taxi programming
  - Transportation to medical appointments, delivery of meals, medication, etc.

| State    | Number of Applications |
|----------|------------------------|
| DC       | 0                      |
| Maryland | 2                      |
| Virginia | 0                      |



### **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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