

**ITEM 9 – Action
December 20, 2023**

2023 Enhanced Mobility Grant Program Approval

Action: Adopt Resolution R6-2024 to approve funding recommendations for Enhanced Mobility and to approve an amendment of the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include these projects.

Background: The board will be briefed on the projects recommended for funding under the Federal Transit Administration’s Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The board was briefed on the solicitation and selection process at its November meeting and the TPB officers have concurred with the recommended projects for funding. The board will be asked to approve the recommended projects for funding and inclusion in the TIP.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM AND TO AMEND THE FY 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO INCLUDE TIP ACTION 23-31.4 ADDING THESE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, IIJA authorizes the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program to provide capital and operating grants to eligible subrecipients to "improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available"; and

WHEREAS, under IIJA, projects funded by the Enhanced Mobility program must respond to strategies in a "locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan"; and

WHEREAS, in June 2013, the Governor of Maryland, the Governor of Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia designated the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), as the administrative agent for the TPB, the recipient of the Enhanced Mobility program for the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the TPB adopted an Update to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan at its regular meeting on May 17, 2023 (TPB Resolution R11-2023), which includes the comments and input of the TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee received on February 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Plan includes the priority projects and selection criteria to be used in the solicitation and selection of Enhanced Mobility grants; and

WHEREAS, a solicitation for Enhanced Mobility grant applications was conducted from August 1 through September 30, 2023, during which more than 3,000 individuals received an announcement of the grant opportunity; and

WHEREAS, more than 55 individuals attended one of **three** pre-application conferences conducted during the solicitation period for interested organizations and agencies to receive technical assistance on the application process and FTA requirements; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee comprised of local and national experts in transportation and human services met on November 9, 2023 to review the applications and evaluate them against the selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, the selection committee recommended funding 23 projects described in the attached memorandum; and

WHEREAS, the TPB Officers concurred with the selection committee recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2022 the TPB adopted the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, a proposed amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-31.4, adding descriptions and funding information for these projects to the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (TIP ID 6366f) is attached; and

WHEREAS, full funding for this program and all its projects is included in the Visualize 2045 long-range plan financial analysis; and

WHEREAS, this program and its projects are exempt from the air quality conformity requirement for the plan and TIP, as defined in Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations as of April 2012; and

WHEREAS, there is \$5,080,852 from FY 2022, \$5,210,439 from FY 2023, (less allowable Program Administration) allocated to COG for supporting projects in the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area program for a total of \$10.2 million in federal funding to be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD approves 23 projects for funding described in the attached memorandum and TIP amendment and amends the FY 2023-2026 TIP to include TIP Action 23-31.4, adding these projects to the Sub-Recipient Projects table included in the attached materials.



National Capital Region
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National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
 FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

<i>TIP ID</i>	T6366	<i>Lead Agency</i>	TPB	<i>Project Type</i>	Human Service Transportation Coordination
<i>Project Name</i>	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	<i>County</i>		<i>Total Cost</i>	\$17,703,488
<i>Project Limits</i>		<i>Municipality</i>	Region-wide	<i>Completion Date</i>	
		<i>Agency Project ID</i>			

Description This program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services. This also includes funding for six sub-projects funded in FY 2021 by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and five sub-projects funded in FY 2021 by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). See the listing of subprojects for each on the following pages. These funds are for the urbanized area within the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia metropolitan region.

Phase	AC/ACCP Source	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	4 Year Total	Total
OTHER	LOCAL	\$1,127,000	\$1,127,000	\$1,154,048	\$1,181,745	\$4,589,793	\$4,589,793
OTHER	S. 5310	\$3,220,000	\$3,220,000	\$3,297,280	\$3,376,415	\$13,113,695	\$13,113,695
	<i>Total Other</i>	\$4,347,000	\$4,347,000	\$4,451,328	\$4,558,160	\$17,703,488	\$17,703,488
	<i>Total Programmed</i>	\$4,347,000	\$4,347,000	\$4,451,328	\$4,558,160	\$17,703,488	\$17,703,488

Version History

<i>TIP Document</i>	<i>MPO Approval</i>	<i>FHWA Approval</i>	<i>FTA Approval</i>
23-00 Adoption 2023-2026	06/15/2022	8/25/2022	8/25/2022

Subrecipient	Project Description	Total Project	Federal	Location
Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	The Arc of Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc. will use this funding to procure one replacement vehicle. The requested vehicle vehicle will be retrofitted to transport people requiring wheelchair securements.	\$ 185,919.00	\$ 114,886.00	Woodbridge, VA
Arc of Northern Virginia	The Arc of Northern Virginia will use this funding to fill gaps in travel training services for people with IDD through new Arc2Independence app, which provides customized Travel Lessons (formerly TravelMate), and Employment, Safety, and Daily Living Lessons.	\$ 1,024,863.00	\$ 819,889.00	Fairfax, VA
Arc of Prince George's County - Transportation for Seniors with Disabilities	The Arc of Prince George's County will use this funding to continue to enhance the ability to provide specialized transportation to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to whom we currently provide service. Specialized transportation will enable them to access activities, potential employment, community socials, and volunteering within their communities.	\$ 297,897.00	\$ 197,310.00	Largo, MD
Arc of Prince George's County - Wheels to Wellness	The Arc of Prince George's County will use this funding to conduct a pilot program to partner with the PGC Health Department to help fill this gap and provide transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities get to medical appointments and/or treatment (e.g. dialysis) and improve their health. Under this two-year grant, The Arc PGC will purchase two (2) minivans equipped with wheelchair lifts, and provide a targeted 1,600 one-way trips to approximately 160 older adults and individuals with disabilities.	\$ 500,774.00	\$ 297,983.00	Largo, MD
Boat People SOS	BPSOS will use this funding for Mobility Management services for the transportation component of RISE-Road to Independence through Savings and Education, which aims to improve mobility for Vietnamese seniors and individuals with disabilities through travel training, individualized transportation planning, a mass media campaign, dissemination of a language-specific transportation guidebook, and partnerships for referrals.	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	Falls Church, VA

Capitol Hill Village	<p>Capitol Hill Village will use this funding to continue a Mobility Management program, in close coordination with other DC Villages, that builds on past successes of improving and increasing door-to-door transportation services, providing mobility counseling and travel training, increasing transportation stakeholders' awareness of the needs of older adults and people with disabilities, and increasing engagement with alternative transportation modes.</p>	<p>\$ 777,238.00</p>	<p>\$ 695,265.00</p>	<p>Washington, DC</p>
Chinese Culture and Community Service Center	<p>CCACC will use this funding to provide Adult Medical Daycare door-to-door transportation service on a daily basis for up to 300 seniors and individuals with disabilities who are mostly low-income, frail, racial minority to improve their mobility and life quality. The proposed grant will replace existing vehicles with 15-passenger BOC wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Replacements will continue existing programs to transport seniors to our various programs.</p>	<p>\$ 377,639.00</p>	<p>\$ 302,111.00</p>	<p>Gaithersburg, MD</p>
City of Hyattsville	<p>City of Hyattsville will use this funding to optimize the City's publicly funded, shared-ride transportation service, which provides "curb-to-curb" trips to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and social and recreational opportunities within the City of Hyattsville as well as special destinations within the DC Metropolitan area. This project will be catalyzed by expanding their fleet of dependable vehicles, hiring, training and retaining skilled drivers, and expanding outreach.</p>	<p>\$ 200,000.00</p>	<p>\$ 100,000.00</p>	<p>Hyattsville, MD</p>
Community Support Services	<p>CSS will use this funding to procure 3 minivans with capacity for one wheelchair and four other passengers per vehicle, continue transportation services available to people with intensive needs due to developmental disabilities by partnering with ParaMed Medical Transportation, Inc., use minivans daily across programs serving children and adults with developmental disabilities, and increase community based services, which require specialized transportation.</p>	<p>\$ 284,618.00</p>	<p>\$ 227,694.00</p>	<p>Gaithersburg, MD</p>
Dulles Area Transportation Association	<p>DATA will use this funding to assist Fairfax County's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers, NV Rides, and the ARC of Northern Virginia to expand the availability of transportation services to underserved populations of seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities, in each of their respective jurisdictions.</p>	<p>\$ 500,000.00</p>	<p>\$ 400,000.00</p>	<p>Reston, VA</p>

Easter Seals Serving DC MD VA	<p>Easterseals will use this funding for to maintain free transportation services that are available and accessible for ADS-IGC participants (seniors and adults with disabilities). Support participants with programming to keep them active so they can age in place with dignity. Major activities include reducing participant travel time, continuing to coordinate and improve transportation services, retaining drivers, maintaining the fleet, and replacing technology.</p>	<p>\$ 877,354.00</p>	<p>\$ 459,375.00</p>	<p>Silver Spring, MD</p>
ECHO	<p>ECHO will use this funding to replace 2 buses and 1 minivan. These vehicles would reduce the average age of their fleet and the expansion van would provide employment to more individuals with disabilities.</p>	<p>\$ 695,448.00</p>	<p>\$ 449,250.00</p>	<p>Leesburg, VA</p>
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	<p>Fairfax County NCS will use this funding to continue and expand the Fairfax Mobility Access Project which seeks to enhance awareness of transportation programs and develop training programs to teach how to use them, develop and implement new transportation options, and coordinate services. This iteration includes recruiting community volunteers as Travel Navigators, creating additional volunteer driver programs in underserved areas, including services for Veterans, and providing transportation subsidy cards for non-emergency medical transportation and participants who successfully complete Travel Training.</p>	<p>\$ 777,013.00</p>	<p>\$ 603,610.00</p>	<p>Fairfax, VA</p>
Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington - Elderbus	<p>JCA will use this funding to support rising insurance premiums, increasing fuel prices and rising salaries for staff and drivers. As has been demonstrated by the shortage of public and school bus drivers, JCA has had to meet competitive salaries for drivers. In addition, this request includes capital maintenance and vehicle replacement costs as buses have aged. The grant also assists with partnerships with local governments, public transit and community-based organizations and bolsters transportation options at local community centers offering older adult programming along with 50 neighborhood Villages in the region, and dozens of residential senior housing centers.</p>	<p>\$ 814,109.00</p>	<p>\$ 458,177.00</p>	<p>Rockville, MD</p>

Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington - NVD	<p>JCA will use this funding to increase the capacity and effectiveness of volunteer driving programs through the following activities: providing resources (bulk purchasing of ride scheduling portal system, background checks, subsidized rides for unmet rides), program development (support to start-up volunteer driver programs, enhance driver training, and volunteer recruitment) and technical assistance (helpdesk for software, troubleshooting) as well as provide essential marketing and publicity support to volunteer driver organizations.</p>	<p>\$ 388,631.00</p>	<p>\$ 310,545.00</p>	<p>Silver Spring, MD</p>
Leisure World of Maryland Corporation	<p>Leisure World will use this funding to phase out its current fleet and purchase three new vehicles to accommodate riders using wheelchairs eliminating issues of accessibility to their fixed route service. This will also alleviate financial barriers riders face using LW's mobility van fee for service model.</p>	<p>\$ 674,010.00</p>	<p>\$ 418,171.00</p>	<p>Silver Spring, VA</p>
Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers	<p>LVC will use this funding to to add a second vehicle to the program, with a focus on serving the eastern section of the County.</p>	<p>\$ 218,255.00</p>	<p>\$ 149,366.00</p>	<p>Leesburg, VA</p>
New Horizons Supported Services, Inc.	<p>New Horizons will use this funding to procure 14-seat capacity vehicles for our program to continue to offer round-trip and no-cost tailored transportation for up to 160 adults in the community integration program up to 5 days a week, 7 days a week when personal supports are included. Provide safe and reliable transportation to clients and families they can rely on and trust. And expand efficient and sustainable transportation to Equity Emphasis Areas with outreach efforts</p>	<p>\$ 290,982.00</p>	<p>\$ 220,620.00</p>	<p>Upper Marlboro, MD</p>
Opportunities, Inc.	<p>Opportunities, Inc. will use this funding to continue travel training program for program participants who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, in partnership with the Arc of Northern Virginia.</p>	<p>\$ 375,000.00</p>	<p>\$ 300,000.00</p>	<p>Lanham, MD</p>

Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	<p>Pozez Jewish Community Center will use this funding to continue to fill the gaps in areas unserved or underserved by public transit or paratransit or for seniors who cannot navigate public transit due to their impairment. As a multi-jurisdictional network, NV Rides will work collaboratively to close gaps and meet the needs of nondriving seniors in Northern Virginia.</p>	<p>\$ 483,933.00</p>	<p>\$ 384,146.00</p>	<p>Fairfax, VA</p>
Seabury Resources for Aging	<p>Seabury will use this funding to expand the agency's transportation services for older adults in the DC-Maryland- Virginia region. Specifically to acquire a 15-passenger bus to expand existing fleet to a total of three vehicles, enabling them to provide 1,600 more older adults with transportation services each year.</p>	<p>\$ 368,382.00</p>	<p>\$ 225,759.00</p>	<p>Washington, DC</p>
University of Maryland	<p>UMD will use this funding to to procure a wheelchair-accessible vehicle and offset operating expenses for the provision of safe and reliable Paratransit service to all members of the UMD community seeking transportation.</p>	<p>\$ 371,420.00</p>	<p>\$ 212,005.00</p>	<p>College Park, MD</p>
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	<p>WMATA will use this funding to provide increased customer satisfaction through a more comfortable, safer, reliable and easier to board vehicle. The minivans will replace 25 full size lift equipped Transit Vans that have met the useful life consistent with FTA circular 5010. The vehicles will be used in all 9 jurisdictions for all MetroAccess eligible customers with disabilities in Metro's service region. Eligible out of town visitors are also eligible to use MetroAccess service.</p>	<p>\$ 2,145,000.00</p>	<p>\$ 1,716,000.00</p>	<p>Washington, DC</p>



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Christina Henderson, TPB First Vice Chairman
Nicholas Ramfos, Director of Transportation Operations

SUBJECT: Funding Recommendations for the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and Amendment
of the TIP

DATE: December 14, 2023

This memorandum describes the funding recommendations for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant program. On November 9, 2023, the selection committee finalized its recommendations to fund \$10.2M of allocated and available FTA funds among \$15.6M in requested funds. The TPB will be asked on December 20, 2023 to approve these funding recommendations and amend the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) accordingly.

A description of the Committee's recommendations is provided below with additional details in Attachment A. An overview of the TPB's Enhanced Mobility program, which provides funding to remove barriers to transportation services and expand transportation mobility options for these communities, is provided in Attachment B.

The TPB's Selection Committee for FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program was chaired by TPB First Vice Chairman Christina Henderson. The selection committee discussions resulted in a unanimous recommendation to fund 23 applications. The committee's recommendations were reviewed by TPB Officers who had no further questions for the selection committee and concurred with the proposed project awards for approval at the December 20, 2023 meeting.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Selection Committee recommends funding 23 of the 27 applications reviewed utilizing the \$10.2M in federal funding available. With the additional \$4.2M in matching funds provided by the applicants, the combined funding for the 23 projects total about \$14.5M. The selection was very competitive, with total federal funding requests of \$15.6 million, over two times the amount available. Due to the limited funding, 11 of the 23 applications would be partially funded. Attachment A describes the recommended funding amounts.

The recommended projects fall under the two categories: vehicle acquisition and "all other" projects including mobility management and operating services. 18 of the 23 projects are for vehicle acquisition and the recommendations would fund 53 vehicles to provide service to eligible clients.

Under the vehicle acquisition category, the recommendations prioritize awarding vehicles with the limited funding available rather than providing operating assistance. The rationale for the 11 applications recommended for partial funding include allowing the applicant to pilot the proposal on a smaller scale or to expend funding from previous grants. Attachment A provides a summary of the projects being recommended for funding.

NEXT STEPS

With approval of these funding recommendations at the December 20 meeting, applicants will be notified of board action and staff will develop the submittal materials for FTA approval. Upon FTA approval, staff will work with the applicants to administer the grants.

The 4 applications not recommended for funding, as described on page 10 of Attachment A, will receive a letter with suggestions for improving their application for the next Enhanced Mobility grant solicitation. Applicants would also be offered a debriefing about their application with TPB staff.



ATTACHMENT A

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2023 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

1. **Arc of Prince William** will use this funding to procure one replacement vehicle. The requested vehicle vehicle will be retrofitted to transport people requiring wheelchair securements.

Geographic Focus: Prince William County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$663,718	Federal Funds	\$114,886
Required Match	\$282,751	Required Match	\$71,033
Total Project	\$946,469	Total Project	\$185,919

2. **Arc of Northern Virginia** will use this funding to fill gaps in travel training services for people with IDD through new Arc2Independence app, which provides customized Travel Lessons (formerly TravelMate), and Employment, Safety, and Daily Living Lessons.

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$819,889	Federal Funds	\$819,889
Required Match	\$204,974	Required Match	\$204,974
Total Project	\$1,024,863	Total Project	\$1,024,863

3. **Arc of Prince George’s County Transportation for Seniors with Disabilities** will use this funding to continue to enhance the ability to provide specialized transportation to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to whom we currently provide service. Specialized transportation will enable them to access activities, potential employment, community socials, and volunteering within their communities.

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$1,154,607	Federal Funds	\$197,310
Required Match	\$472,538	Required Match	\$100,587
Total Project	\$1,627,145	Total Project	\$297,897

4. **Arc of Prince George’s County Wheels to Wellness** will use this funding to conduct a a pilot program to partner with the PGC Health Department to help fill this gap and provide transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities get to medical appointments and/or treatment (e.g. dialysis) and improve their health. Under this two-year grant, The Arc PGC will purchase two (2) minivans equipped with wheelchair lifts, and provide a targeted 1,600 one-way trips to approximately 160 older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$297,983	Federal Funds	\$297,983
Required Match	\$202,791	Required Match	\$202,791
Total Project	\$500,774	Total Project	\$500,774

- Boat People SOS** will use this funding for Mobility Management services for the transportation component of RISE–Road to Independence through Savings and Education, which aims to improve mobility for Vietnamese seniors and individuals with disabilities through travel training, individualized transportation planning, a mass media campaign, dissemination of a language-specific transportation guidebook, and partnerships for referrals.

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$200,000	Federal Funds	\$200,000
Required Match	\$50,000	Required Match	\$50,000
Total Project	\$250,000	Total Project	\$250,000

- Capitol Hill Village** will use this funding to continue a Mobility Management program, in close coordination with other DC Villages, that builds on past successes of improving and increasing door-to-door transportation services, providing mobility counseling and travel training, increasing transportation stakeholders’ awareness of the needs of older adults and people with disabilities, and increasing engagement with alternative transportation modes.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$695,265	Federal Funds	\$695,265
Required Match	\$81,973	Required Match	\$81,973
Total Project	\$777,238	Total Project	\$777,238

- Chinese Culture and Community Service Center** will use this funding to provide Adult Medical Daycare door-to-door transportation service on a daily basis for up to 300 seniors and individuals with disabilities who are mostly low-income, frail, racial minority to improve their mobility and life quality. The proposed grant will replace existing vehicles with 15-passenger BOC wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Replacements will continue existing programs to transport seniors to our various programs.

Geographic Focus: Gaithersburg, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$503,519	Federal Funds	\$302,111

Required Match	\$125,880	Required Match	\$75,528
Total Project	\$629,399	Total Project	\$377,639

8. **City of Hyattsville** will use this funding to optimize the City’s publicly funded, shared-ride transportation service, which provides “curb-to-curb” trips to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and social and recreational opportunities within the City of Hyattsville as well as special destinations within the DC Metropolitan area. This project will be catalyzed by expanding their fleet of dependable vehicles, hiring, training and retaining skilled drivers, and expanding outreach.

Geographic Focus: Hyattsville, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$220,000	Federal Funds	\$100,000
Required Match	\$130,000	Required Match	\$100,000
Total Project	\$350,000	Total Project	\$200,000

9. **Community Support Services** will use this funding to procure 3 minivans with capacity for one wheelchair and four other passengers per vehicle, continue transportation services available to people with intensive needs due to developmental disabilities by partnering with ParaMed Medical Transportation, Inc., use minivans daily across programs serving children and adults with developmental disabilities, and increase community based services, which require specialized transportation.

Geographic Focus: Gaithersburg, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$706,491	Federal Funds	\$227,694
Required Match	\$176,623	Required Match	\$56,924
Total Project	\$883,114	Total Project	\$284,618

10. **Dulles Area Transportation Association** will use this funding to assist Fairfax County’s Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers, NV Rides, and the ARC of Northern Virginia to expand the availability of transportation services to underserved populations of seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities, in each of their respective jurisdictions.

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$506,733	Federal Funds	\$400,000
Required Match	\$126,683	Required Match	\$100,000
Total Project	\$633,416	Total Project	\$500,000

11. **EasterSeals** will use this funding for to maintain free transportation services that are available and accessible for ADS-IGC participants (seniors and adults with disabilities). Support participants with programming to keep them active so they can age in place with dignity. Major activities include reducing participant travel time, continuing to coordinate and improve transportation services, retaining drivers, maintaining the fleet, and replacing technology.

Geographic Focus: Silver Spring, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$459,375	Federal Funds	\$459,375
Required Match	\$417,979	Required Match	\$417,979
Total Project	\$877,354	Total Project	\$877,354

12. **ECHO** will use this funding to replace 2 buses and 1 minivan. These vehicles would reduce the average age of their fleet and the expansion van would provide employment to more individuals with disabilities.

Geographic Focus: Leesburg, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$898,322	Federal Funds	\$449,250
Required Match	\$492,214	Required Match	\$246,198
Total Project	\$1,390,536	Total Project	\$695,448

13. **Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services FXMAP** will use this funding to continue and expand the Fairfax Mobility Access Project which seeks to enhance awareness of transportation programs and develop training programs to teach how to use them, develop and implement new transportation options, and coordinate services. This iteration includes recruiting community volunteers as Travel Navigators, creating additional volunteer driver programs in underserved areas, including services for Veterans, and providing transportation subsidy cards for non-emergency medical transportation and participants who successfully complete Travel Training.

Geographic Focus: Fairfax County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$603,610	Federal Funds	\$603,610
Required Match	\$173,403	Required Match	\$173,403
Total Project	\$777,013	Total Project	\$777,013

14. **Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington Elderbus** will use this funding to support rising insurance premiums, increasing fuel prices and rising salaries for staff and drivers. As has been demonstrated by the shortage of public and school bus drivers, JCA has had to meet competitive salaries for drivers. In addition, this request includes capital maintenance and vehicle replacement costs as buses have aged. The grant also assists with partnerships

with local governments, public transit and community-based organizations and bolsters transportation options at local community centers offering older adult programming along with 50 neighborhood Villages in the region, and dozens of residential senior housing centers.

Geographic Focus: Rockville, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$1,232,650	Federal Funds	\$458,177
Required Match	\$1,028,163	Required Match	\$355,932
Total Project	\$2,260,813	Total Project	\$814,109

15. **Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington NVD** will use this funding to increase the capacity and effectiveness of volunteer driving programs through the following activities: providing resources (bulk purchasing of ride scheduling portal system, background checks, subsidized rides for unmet rides), program development (support to start-up volunteer driver programs, enhance driver training, and volunteer recruitment) and technical assistance (helpdesk for software, troubleshooting) as well as provide essential marketing and publicity support to volunteer driver organizations.

Geographic Focus: Rockville, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$310,545	Federal Funds	\$310,545
Required Match	\$78,086	Required Match	\$78,086
Total Project	\$388,631	Total Project	\$388,631

16. **Leisure World of Maryland Corporation** will use this funding to phase out its current fleet and purchase three new vehicles to accommodate riders using wheelchairs eliminating issues of accessibility to their fixed route service. This will also alleviate financial barriers riders face using LW's mobility van fee for service model.

Geographic Focus: Silver Spring, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$1,164,310	Federal Funds	\$418,171
Required Match	\$727,713	Required Match	\$255,839
Total Project	\$1,892,023	Total Project	\$674,010

17. **Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers** will use this funding to to add a second vehicle to the program, with a focus on serving the eastern section of the County.

Geographic Focus: Loudoun County, Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$149,366	Federal Funds	\$149,366

Required Match	\$68,889	Required Match	\$68,889
Total Project	\$218,255	Total Project	\$218,255

18. **New Horizons Supported Services, Inc** will use this funding to procure 14-seat capacity vehicles for our program to continue to offer round-trip and no-cost tailored transportation for up to 160 adults in the community integration program up to 5 days a week, 7 days a week when personal supports are included. Provide safe and reliable transportation to clients and families they can rely on and trust. And expand efficient and sustainable transportation to Equity Emphasis Areas with outreach efforts

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$220,620	Federal Funds	\$220,620
Required Match	\$70,362	Required Match	\$70,362
Total Project	\$290,982	Total Project	\$290,982

19. **Opportunities, Inc.** will use this funding to continue travel training program for program participants who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, in partnership with the Arc of Northern Virginia.

Geographic Focus: Prince George’s County, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$740,704	Federal Funds	\$300,000
Required Match	\$185,176	Required Match	\$75,000
Total Project	\$925,880	Total Project	\$375,000

20. **Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia** will use this funding to continue to fill the gaps in areas unserved or underserved by public transit or paratransit or for seniors who cannot navigate public transit due to their impairment. As a multi-jurisdictional network, NV Rides will work collaboratively to close gaps and meet the needs of nondriving seniors in Northern Virginia.

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$384,146	Federal Funds	\$384,146
Required Match	\$99,787	Required Match	\$99,787
Total Project	\$483,933	Total Project	\$483,933

21. **Seabury Resources for Aging** will use this funding to expand the agency’s transportation services for older adults in the DC-Maryland- Virginia region. Specifically to acquire a 15-passenger bus to expand existing fleet to a total of three vehicles, enabling them to provide 1,600 more older adults with transportation services each year.

Geographic Focus: District of Columbia

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$225,759	Federal Funds	\$225,759
Required Match	\$142,623	Required Match	\$142,623
Total Project	\$368,382	Total Project	\$368,382

22. **University of Maryland** will use this funding to procure a wheelchair-accessible vehicle and offset operating expenses for the provision of safe and reliable Paratransit service to all members of the UMD community seeking transportation.

Geographic Focus: College Park, Maryland

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$696,174	Federal Funds	\$212,005
Required Match	\$485,801	Required Match	\$159,415
Total Project	\$1,181,975	Total Project	\$371,420

23. **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority** will use this funding to provide increased customer satisfaction through a more comfortable, safer, reliable and easier to board vehicle. The minivans will replace 25 full size lift equipped Transit Vans that have met the useful life consistent with FTA circular 5010. The vehicles will be used in all 9 jurisdictions for all MetroAccess eligible customers with disabilities in Metro’s service region. Eligible out of town visitors are also eligible to use MetroAccess service.

Geographic Focus: Region-wide

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$1,716,000	Federal Funds	\$1,716,000
Required Match	\$429,000	Required Match	\$429,000
Total Project	\$2,145,000	Total Project	\$2,145,000

24. **Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments / National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board** will use this funding towards program administrative costs associated with administering the FY22-FY23 Enhanced Mobility program in the Washington, DC-VA-MD Urban Area.

Geographic Focus: Region-wide

Requested		Recommended	
Federal Funds	\$1,029,129	Federal Funds	\$1,029,129
Required Match	\$0	Required Match	\$0
Total Project	\$1,029,129	Total Project	\$1,029,129



NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

The following table shows the applications not recommended for funding. The rationale for not funding these applications include:

- One application did not meet minimum requirements;
- One application did not include a budget
- Two applications did not prove their financial capability to match the federal funds available

Denied applicants will receive communication with recommendations for improving their application for the next grant solicitation and will also be offered a debriefing about their application with TPB staff.

Applications Not Recommended for Funding			
Applicant	Geographic Focus	Proposed Project	Federal Funds Requested
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services Bus Replacement	Fairfax County, Virginia	Procure 1 bus to transport Area Agency on Aging residents to/from senior centers, residents to life sustaining treatments, and clients to work enclaves, etc.	\$425,127
Head Injury Rehabilitation and Referral Services, Inc.	Rockville, Maryland	Procure 5 accessible vehicles to improve access to community-based activities such as employment, social, and recreational activities.	\$272,572
Second Family Adult Homes Inc.	Bowie, Maryland	Procure 1 vehicle and establish an in-house transportation program to provide accessible transport to individuals for medical and/or safety needs.	\$321,605
Tier 1 Transportation Services	Fort Washington, Maryland	Procure 1 new ADA compliant vehicles to provide more patients with transportation to pre-scheduled healthcare appointments.	\$100,245

ATTACHMENT B

2023 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310) is for improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. Approximately \$5 million a year is provided to the region under the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill". The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, (COG) as the administrative agent for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), is the Designated Recipient for this program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area (shown [here](#)). The TPB is tasked with the management of the program, including the approval of grant awards. The TPB solicits and selects grant applications for funding every other year. The applicants must match the federal funds: 20 percent for capital or mobility management projects and 50 percent for operating projects.

COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

As a metropolitan planning organization, the TPB has developed a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan ("Coordinated Plan") for the planning area. The TPB approved an update to the Coordinated Plan on November 19, 2014. The Coordinated Plan outlines priority projects for Enhanced Mobility funding and the selection process, including the criteria found below.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The TPB is focused on ensuring that its Enhanced Mobility program includes a broad spectrum of programs and services for residents in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. To ensure that the funding is utilized by grant recipients who can effectively deliver services, the TPB's Coordinated Plan outlines selection criteria that places a strong emphasis on the institutional capacity of an applicant to manage and administer an FTA grant. There are numerous federal requirements under the Enhanced Mobility program. The selection criteria also emphasize an applicant's prior grant performance.

The Coordinated Plan outlines a quantitative scoring process consisting of six factors designed to provide a comprehensive consideration of the applicant's ability to serve the transportation needs of the region's older adults and individuals with disabilities. The factors and the quantitative scores are listed below.

Selection Criteria for Enhanced Mobility Funding

Criterion	Maximum Points
Coordination among agencies and organizations	25
Responsiveness to strategies in the Coordinated Plan Priority Projects (up to 12 points) Address strategies in the Coordination Plan (up to 8 points)	20
Institutional capacity to manage and administer an FTA grant	20
Project feasibility	15
Regional need and impact	10
Customer focus and input	10
Total	100

2023 SOLICITATION FOR ENHANCED MOBILITY PROJECTS

The third TPB solicitation for Enhanced Mobility funds was conducted from August 1 through September 30, 2017. The Access for All Advisory Committee confirmed the [seven priority projects](#) outlined in the Coordinated Plan in May 2023 for the 2013 solicitation. Applicants could submit proposals that did not address the priorities, however, proposals that did respond to the priorities did receive extra points when scored.

More than 3,000 individuals received an email announcing the availability of grant funds. In addition, ads were placed in the August and September editions of the Senior Beacon, which is distributed to over 2,300 locations across the region. The grant opportunity was also promoted through *TPB News*, the Transportation Planning Board's weekly e-newsletter, and COG and TPB social media accounts.

TPB staff conducted three pre-application conferences for interested organizations on the application process, the federal requirements, and project eligibility. Conferences were held in Silver Spring, Maryland on August 4, COG on August 16, and Falls Church on August 21. Over 50 different organizations and agencies attended.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

TPB Vice Chair Councilmember Christina Henderson chaired the Selection Committee, which was comprised of four individuals representing aging, disability, transit and human service transportation coordination. The Selection Committee members were:

1. Ms. Eileen Schroff, USAging
2. Ms. Jess Maffey, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
3. Ms. Tanya Nichols, Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)
4. Mr. Anthony DeLorenzo, D.C. Department of General Services

After the solicitation period closed, TPB staff thoroughly reviewed all the applications received and when necessary, asked for clarifications or revised budgets from the applicants. TPB staff developed summaries of the 27 applications and scored each application based on the selection criteria listed above.

Each Selection Committee member received the staff summaries and 27 applications and reviewed the materials prior to the meeting on November 9, 2023. The Selection Committee collectively reviewed the applications, preliminary scores and funding recommendations with TPB staff at the meeting. After a thoughtful and deliberative process, the Selection Committee confirmed the recommendations for funding as described in Attachment A. The Committee advised staff to share the recommendations (Attachment A) with the Officers of the Board and is prepared to respond to any questions they may have on the recommendations.