PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA) FUNDING

For Approval and Inclusion in the FY 2021-2024 TIP

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Outline of Presentation

- ARPA program basics/eligibility/selection criteria
- Review five recommended projects
- Action on resolution R1-2022 to approve projects and amend the TIP
- Next steps



ARPA Program Basics

- 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



ARPA Eligibility

- Existing subrecipient/recent subrecipients of Enhanced Mobility (or JARC and New Freedom projects funded under an Enhanced Mobility solicitation)
- Application for the benefit of the same project as the existing or recently closed award, and/or for transportation to COVID vaccination sites
- Applicants required to document impact, specifically the need to end or limit activities or services and lay off or furlough staff
- Applicants required to document that any CARES act dollars received was fully expended or not used for the project in the application



ARPA Selection Criteria

Recommendations for funding were 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	



Selection Recommendations

- Internal selection committee of COG and TPB staff
 - 5 members scored 9 applications based on Selection Criteria
 - Met July 6 and developed recommendations for funding
- Selection committee recommends funding 5 of the 9 applications received, using the entire \$532,226
 - Recommendations prioritize awarding funds to organizations that did not receive funding under CRRSAA
 - Recommendations include operating expenses for direct transportation providers and transportation to COVID vaccination sites



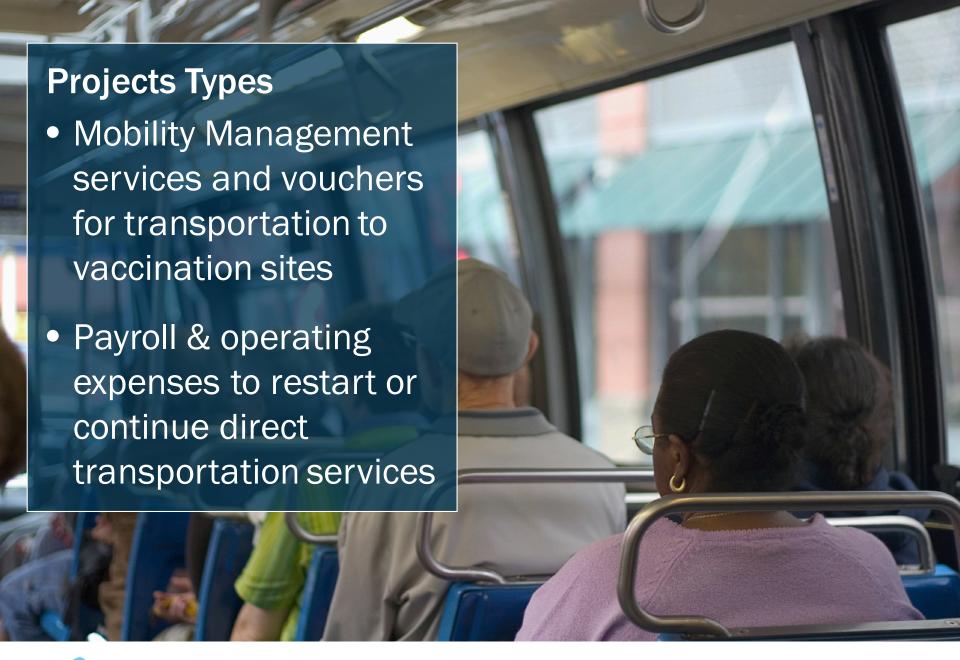
Summary of Applications Received

Funding Available: \$532,226

Requested: \$1,169,333

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Total Number of Projects:	9
DC: MD (includes some DC): VA (includes some DC):	1 4 4







Project Recommendations

Boat People SOS

Mobility Management services for transportation to vaccination sites. Expenses include staff salary and fringe, workshop costs, marketing, and PPE

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia, some DC

• Total: \$100,000

Dulles Area Transportation Association (DATA)

Continuation of Mobility Management services for transportation to vaccination sites for Veterans who are seniors and/or have a disability. Expenses include staff salary and taxi vouchers

Geographic Focus: Northern Virginia

Total: \$30,640



Project Recommendations

Easter Seals Serving DC | MD | VA

Vehicle operating expenses and maintenance to restart direct transportation services for adult day program participants. Expenses include driver salary and fringe, fuel, training, and PPE

Geographic Focus: MD

• Total: \$188,856

Liberty Transportation Management Corporation

Operating expenses for wheelchair accessible taxi service. Expenses include dispatcher, mechanic and administrator salaries, preventative maintenance (oil, fluids, tires), PPE, insurance

Geographic Focus: DC

• **Total**: \$143,370



Project Recommendations



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New Horizons Supported Services, Inc.

Operating expenses to support direct transportation services to recreation and employment for program participants with disabilities

Expenses include vehicle lease and fuel

Geographic Focus: MD

• Total: \$69,360



Next Steps

- Approve R1-2022
 - 5 projects recommended for funding
 - amend the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include the projects
- TPB staff notifies applicants
 - Projects not recommended for funding will receive a notice with recommendations for improvement, and be offered a debriefing
 - Confirm Federal compliance for projects recommended for funding
- TPB staff submits selected projects to FTA for final approval



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