## Item 4 – Update about Upcoming Enhanced Mobility Solicitation

Slide 1: 2023 Solicitation for Grant Applications

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program

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Slide 2: Purpose

* Provide brief overview of program and upcoming solicitation to prepare interested applicants in applying.

Slide 3: FTA Enhanced Mobility Program

“Improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities…by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.”

* Matching grants that go above and beyond traditional public transit and AFA complementary paratransit service

Slide 4: Upcoming Solicitation Details

* + Pre-application conferences: August 2023
  + Solicitation dates: August 1 – September 30, 2023
  + Funding: Approximately $10.8 million

Slide 5: Upcoming Solicitation Details, Cont’d

* Matching funds (identified by applications):
  + Operating: 50%
  + Capital and Mobility Management: 20%
* Funding period: 2 years

Slide 6: Upcoming Solicitation Details, Cont’d

* Who can apply? Non-profit agencies, private providers, transit agencies, and local governments
* What type of projects? Capital and operating grants that improve transportation for people with disabilities and older adults

Slide 7: Upcoming Solicitation Details, Cont’d

* Mandatory Pre-Application Conferences:
  + Maryland: Silver Spring Building at Veterans Plaza, Colesville Room. 1 Veterans Pl, Siler Spring, MD 20910. Friday, August 4, 2023. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  + Virginia: Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library Meeting Room #2, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043. Tuesday, August 8, 2023. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.
  + District of Columbia: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002. Wednesday, August 16, 2023. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Virtual option available.

Slide 8: Application Process: On-line System

* Application process and required documentation is extensive and comprehensive

Slide includes a screenshot of the SAM.gov database, with text that states “Please provide your SAM.gov unique entity ID. If you do not have a SAM.gov unique entity ID at this time, you can leave this section blank. If your application is approved for funding, you will need to have a SAM.gov unique entity in order to receive FTA funds.”

Slide 9: Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area

Projects must benefit populations in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area.

See interactive map: [mwcog.org/enhancedmobility](https://www.mwcog.org/transportation/programs/enhanced-mobility/)

Slide includes a map of the Washington DC-VA-MD urbanized area.

Slide 10: Selection Process

* Selection Committee of local representatives and national experts; chaired by a TPB member
* Established by the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan
* Schedule: TPB action to approve by December 2023

Slide 11: Selection Process

* Selection criteria include seven categories:
  + Coordination among agencies
  + Responsiveness to Coordinated Plan (includes scoring for priority projects)
  + Capacity to manage an FTA grant
  + Project feasibility
  + Regional need
  + Equity Emphasis Areas
  + Customer focus

Slide 12: Priority Projects

Priorities confirmed by AFA Committee to respond to the most significant unmet transportation needs:

* Mobility management
* Coordinated planning efforts
* Travel training
* Door-through-door or escorted transportation service
* Increase access to transit stations
* Increase wheelchair-accessible options in taxi and ride-hailing services
* Volunteer driver programs
* Tailored transportation service for clients of human service agencies (vehicle acquisition)

Slide 13: Learn More and Help Spread the Word

1. For more information: [mwcog.org/enhancedmobility](file:///\\mwcog.org\DFS\DTP\AFA%20Committee\Reconfigured%20AFA\MEETINGS\2023\06%20-%20June%202023\mwcog.org\enhancedmobility)
2. Help TPB staff promote the grant opportunity
3. Engage TPB members to help spread the word

Slide 14: Contact Information

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