

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-46

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS, ENTERING INTO FUNDING AGREEMENTS, PROVIDING ASSURANCES OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION AND ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM NOACA FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2024, 2025 AND 2026 FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER ALL NOACA PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency ("NOACA") through its State Fiscal Year ("SFY") 2024, 2025 and 2026 financial assistance and capital project programs will administer and make funds available for public agencies and public transit systems; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") is the primary transit operator in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA is a federally designated funding recipient; and

WHEREAS, the GCRTA is providing transit service, implementing a capital program, and observing all federal and state rules regarding these programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority:

Section 1. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to file grant applications, as required, and to execute contracts on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency ("NOACA") for financial assistance and capital project programs (including transfer of highway funds) under all NOACA programs.

Section 2. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute and file such grant applications, any assurances or any other documentation required by NOACA under the financial assistance and capital project programs.

Section 3. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer is authorized to furnish such additional information as NOACA may require in connection with these applications.

Section 4. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is willing to provide the local match amount for any grant awarded to it by NOACA for SFY 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Section 5. That the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer is authorized to accept the funds resulting from the NOACA financial assistance and capital programs.

Section 6. That, in the absence of the General Manager, Chief Executive Officer, the Acting General Manager, Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to perform any and all of the above-described functions.

Section 7. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: June 27, 2023



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President

Attest:

  
Secretary-Treasurer



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	Initiator: Finance
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

- 1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") to submit grant applications, to enter into funding agreements with, to provide assurances or other documentation, and to accept funds from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency ("NOACA") for eligible transit projects under all NOACA programs. This resolution is for State Fiscal Year ("SFY") 2024, 2025, and 2026 which will run from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.
- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: NOACA will administer and make funds available during SFY 2024, 2025, and 2026 under various programs. GCRTA will apply for financial assistance and capital project funding from NOACA for eligible transit projects and programs.  
  
NOACA administered financial assistance and capital project programs include, but are not limited to:  
  
  - ODOT Urban Transit Program (UTP)
  - ODOT Discretionary Capital Program
  - ODOT Ohio Transit Partnership Program (OTPP)
  - ODOT Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)
  - ODOT Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Program
  - STBG Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
  - TLCI Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative
  - CMAQ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
- 3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 4.0 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION / DBE BACKGROUND: Does not apply.
- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: This action is consistent with the policy stated at Section 460.04(d) of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to take advantage of all available state and federal grant programs, including State of Ohio Urban Transit Program grants and Federal Highway Administration programs, as well as the programs of the Federal Transit Administration.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: Funding available through the State of Ohio may be up to 80%-100% of the total project cost.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Do not submit grant applications. This would exclude the Authority from utilizing funding available through NOACA to the Cleveland Urbanized Area for transportation improvements.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the resolution authorizing the submission of grant applications, entering into funding agreements, providing assurances or other documentation, and accepting funds for financial assistance from NOACA be approved.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENT: None

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.

  
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer