

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-129

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through its FY 2004 programs has made available funds to assist public transportation systems in Ohio; and

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

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is providing transit service 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/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to file applications and execute contracts for the FY 2004 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program, the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program, and the State Discretionary Urban Capital Program on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to execute and file such applications, any assurances or any other documentation required by the Ohio Department of Transportation.


Section 3. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with these applications.

Section 4. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to accept the funds resulting from the FY 2004 Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program, the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program, and the State Discretionary Urban Capital Program.

Section 5. That, in the absence of the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, the Acting General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to perform any and all of the above-described functions.

Section 6. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: August 19, 2003

  
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President

Attest:   
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CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority  
**STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS**

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TITLE/DESCRIPTION:  AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS	Resolution No.: 2003-129
	Date: August 14, 2003
	Initiator: Finance & Administration
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 Authority to submit grant applications to, enter into funding agreements with and accept funds from the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for eligible transit projects.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:

GCRTA is eligible to receive funds under the Ohio Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program because it offers no more than one-half the regular peak-hour adult fare to elderly and disabled persons.

Under the Ohio Public Transportation Grant Program (OPTGP) GCRTA is eligible to receive formula and discretionary funds for eligible projects. Eligible projects under the formula program include planning studies (expenditure period January through December 2004) and capital projects for which matching Federal funds were appropriated on or after October 1, 2001. (Expenditure period for capital costs is July 1, 2003 through July 1, 2006). Capitalized maintenance, project administration and force account work are not eligible projects.

ODOT's Discretionary Capital program is a competitive program. Contracts must be awarded between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004. Ineligible projects include projects which have received prior State funding, project administration and force account work.

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 Board Policy to take advantage of all available State and Federal Grant programs for capital improvements, including State of Ohio Public Transportation grants and Federal Highway Administration Programs as well as the programs of the Federal Transit Administration.

6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT:

GCRTA is eligible for State matching funds between 10% and 20% for the discretionary program and up to 80% of the non-federal share under the formula program.

ODOT amounts allocated and/or requested in SFY 2004 are as follows:

Elderly and Disabled Formula Program	\$ 663,541
Formula Program	\$2,134,841
Discretionary Program	\$ 552,000 (Parmatown Transit Center)

The SFY 2004 amounts for the formula programs represent a net decrease of \$498,700 below the SFY 2003 actual awards.

7.0 ALTERNATIVES:

Do Not Submit Grant Applications - This would not allow the Authority to utilize State funding available to the Cleveland Urbanized Area for transportation improvements.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Resolution for State financial assistance be approved.

9.0 ATTACHMENT: None

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

  
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CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer