

RESOLUTION NO. 2004- 41

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

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through its FY 2005 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 2005 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 2005 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: March 16, 2004



President

Attest: 

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 FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS | Resolution No.: 2004-41 |
| | Date: March 11, 2004 |
| | Initiator: Finance & Administration Division |
| 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 and capital projects for which matching Federal funds were appropriated on or after October 1, 2001. Capitalized maintenance, project administration and force account work are not eligible projects.

ODOT's Discretionary Capital program is a competitive program. 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 up to 10% of the total project cost under the discretionary program and up to 80% of the non-federal share under the formula program. Elderly and Disabled Formula Program funds are determined based on actual non-contract Elderly and Disabled ridership.

Specific dollar amounts are not available for SFY 2005 ODOT programs.
In SFY 2004, ODOT has committed to the following:

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| Formula Program | \$2,134,841 (Buses) |
| Discretionary Program | \$ 276,000 (Parmatown) |
| Elderly and Disabled Program | \$ 663,541 |

- 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.



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer