

RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 146

**AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR GRANTS TO PROVIDE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GCRTA'S 2005 AND 2006 TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness, is authorized to make grants for transit security projects; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2005 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act provided funds for a discretionary grant program to address security preparedness enhancements for transit systems; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has allocated \$1,175,000 to GCRTA from the FFY 2005 Department of Homeland Security Transit Security grant program and may provide funds under this program for FFY 2006; and

WHEREAS, the contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

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

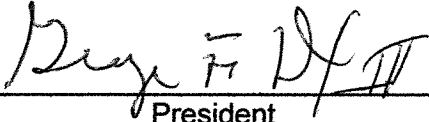
Section 1. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to file and execute grant applications on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority with the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness, for financial assistance under all transit security grant programs.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, may require in connection with the applications or the projects.

Section 3. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to accept the Federal funds from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness, received pursuant to grants for which these applications are made, and to expend such funds.

Section 4. That in the absence of the General Manager, the Acting General Manager of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to perform any or all of the above-described functions.

Section 5. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: October 18, 2005   
President

Attest:   
CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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

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|   | <b>Date:</b><br>October 13, 2005              |
|   | <b>Initiator:</b><br>Finance & Administration |
| <b>ACTION REQUEST:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |   |

1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will authorize submission of grant applications and expenditure of funds from the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness, for the FFY 2005 and 2006 Transit Security Grant Program.

2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The 2005 - 2006 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) provides financial assistance to eligible transit agencies through the applicable State Administrative Assistance (SAAs) for the protection of critical infrastructure and emergency preparedness activities. The SAA for the State of Ohio is Ohio Emergency Management. Allowable costs comport with the FY 2005 Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), and the expenditure of FY 2005 funding must directly support each transit agency's risk-based Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan (SEPP) and a Regional Transit Security Strategy (RTSS).

Funding may be used in the following categories.

1. Planning
2. Organizational Activities
3. Equipment Acquisitions
4. Training
5. Exercises
6. Management and Administrative

The FFY 2006 Transit Security Grant program allocations have not been determined. GCRTA will pursue funding from the FFY 2006 appropriation.

3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** Does not apply.

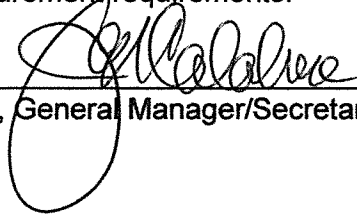
5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** This action is consistent with Board Policy to take advantage of all available State and Federal Grant programs for capital improvements, including State of Ohio public transportation grants and Federal Highway Administration Programs as well as the programs of the Federal Transit Administration.

6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) allocation for the FFY 2005 Transit Grant Program is \$1,175,000. GCRTA will pursue funding from the FY 2006 Transit Security Grant program or other security funding programs. There is no local match requirement. The Office of Justice Programs is responsible for the financial administration of grants awarded by the Office of Domestic Preparedness. Grantees and subgrantees will be permitted to drawdown funds up to 120

days prior to expenditure/disbursement. The subgrantee may keep interest amounts up to \$100 per year for administrative expenses.

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Do Not Submit Grant Applications - This would not allow the Authority to utilize Federal funding available to the Cleveland Urbanized Area for transit security improvements.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Resolution for Federal financial assistance be approved.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: 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