

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-76

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Federal Transportation Administrator has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the grant or cooperative agreement for Federal Financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, and may require the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority to provide the local share of the project cost; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is the Designated Recipient for the Cleveland Urbanized Area as defined by 49 U.S.C. Section 5307(A)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration for the project(s).

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 or designee is hereby authorized to execute and file for Federal assistance on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code, or other Federal statutes authorizing a project or projects administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or designee of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to execute and file with its application the annual certification and assurances and other documents the Federal Transit Administration may require before awarding a Federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.

Section 4. That, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or designee of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with, and accept the Federal funds from, the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

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

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

Adopted: April 18, 2006

President

Attest: _____
CEO/General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE.	Resolution No.: 2006-76
	Date: April 13, 2006
	Initiator: Finance & Administration Division
ACTION REQUEST: <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 allow the Authority to submit grant applications to, execute grant agreements with, and accept grant funds from, the Federal Transit Administration.

- 2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: As a component of the annual budget development process, the Authority will develop a grant program for Federal financial assistance. The FTA provides financial assistance under several programs, including Urbanized Area Formula, Capital Investment (Rail Modernization, Bus and Bus Related Facilities and New Start), Job Access and New Freedom. Eligible projects will be identified for funding under these and other programs in support of the annual budget approved by the Board of Trustees. Grant applications will be developed and submitted through the Grants Administration Section of the Finance and Administration Division. The Grants Manager is the designee assigned to execute annual Certification and Assurances issued by the Federal Transit Administration, submit all FTA applications, and execute FTA grant awards on behalf of the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer for FTA's Transportation Electronic Award and Management System (TEAM).

- 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: Federal financial assistance will be requested for eligible project activities under several programs that may have local match requirements. Federal financial assistance may also be provided by transfer of funds from the Federal Highway Administration to the FTA upon request by NOACA and/or ODOT. Most of the FTA programs are funded at 80% for capital requiring a 20% local match. Eligible operating expenses are funded at 50% Federal share. New Starts projects may be funded at a lower Federal share requiring increased local participation. GCRTA will request funding under several FTA programs including, Formula (Urban Capital, Rail Modernization, Job Access and New Freedom) and Discretionary (Bus and Bus Related Facilities).

- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Do Not Submit Grant Application - This would not allow the Authority to utilize Federal funding available to the Cleveland Urbanized Area for transportation improvements.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Resolution for Federal 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