

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-169

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2007
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through its FY 2007 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, Cuyahoga County:

Section 1. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is hereby authorized to file applications as required and execute contracts on behalf of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority with the Ohio Department of Transportation for financial assistance (including by transfer of highway funds) under all programs, including the following:

Elderly & Disabled Fare Assistance
Ohio Public Transit Program
Discretionary Capital Program
Local Let Program

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 and expend funds resulting from the FY 2007 Ohio Department of Transportation funding programs.

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: September 19, 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 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2007 TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS	Resolution No.: 2006-169
	Date: September 14, 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, 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. As of SFY 2007, ODOT will no longer require an application for the Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program. Reimbursement amounts were calculated using 2005 year-end figures.

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.

ODOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, allows Local public agencies to have primary responsibility for project administration of local transportation projects on facilities (including park-n-ride lots) that are funded through ODOT with Federal, State or Local funds. This is a competitive program.

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's SFY 2007 Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program allocation is \$2,239,456. The SFY 2006 Elderly and Disabled Transit Fare Assistance Program allocation was \$1,520,078. In accordance with the program procedure, upon receipt of a fully executed contract and signed authorizing resolution, ODOT will process payment of the full reimbursement amount for SFY 2007.

ODOT has not announced the SFY 2007 Formula Program allocation. GCRTA's SFY 2006 Formula Program allocation was \$1,135,687. State funding for Capital Projects may be up to 80% of the Total Project Cost.

- 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