

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-165

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS OR PROPOSALS
FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, various agencies, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, have 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 certifications and assurances as required to the awarding agencies.

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.

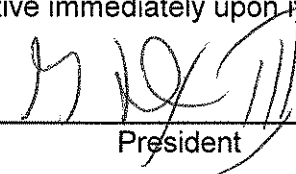
Section 2. That, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer or designee of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is hereby authorized to execute and file with its application, certification and assurances and other documents the awarding agency may require for a Federal assistance grant or cooperative 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 awarding agency 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: November 20, 2007



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS OR PROPOSALS FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	Resolution No.: 2007-165
	Date: November 15, 2007
	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 or proposals to, execute grant agreements with, and accept grant funds from agencies that have been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for transportation projects.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** As a component of the annual budget development process and in an effort to increase revenues in support of the capital program, GCRTA will pursue Federal financial assistance. Various agencies, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, have been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for transportation projects. Eligible projects will be identified for funding from these and other agencies in support of the annual budget approved by the Board of Trustees.

- 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 Federal programs are funded at 80% for capital requiring a 20% local match. Some programs are funded at 100%. Eligible operating expenses are funded at 50% Federal share. GCRTA will request funding under several Federal programs including but not limited to FTA's Formula and Discretionary Programs, the Department of Homeland Security, and the NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative.

- 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