

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-32

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH AND ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2015, 2016 AND 2017 FOR FUNDING FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING PROJECTS UNDER THE ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (SECTION 5310) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ("GCRTA") is submitting an application to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency ("NOACA") for Cleveland Urbanized Area Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") funding from the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program under Section 5310 of Title 49 of the United States Code ("Section 5310 Program"); and

WHEREAS, NOACA is the designated recipient of Section 5310 Program funding for the Cleveland Urbanized Area authorized to make grants to public bodies, private nonprofit organizations, and other eligible entities; and

WHEREAS, the Section 5310 Program provides eighty percent (80%) federal funds for capital projects and fifty percent (50%) federal funds for operating projects to support alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities, new or expanded transportation services and alternatives that go beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA") for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA certifies that it will provide at least twenty (20%) local matching funds for capital or planning projects and fifty percent (50%) local matching funds for operating projects from sources other than federal Department of Transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the Section 5310 Program is included in NOACA's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, GCRTA agrees to abide by federal requirements as a sub-recipient of FTA funds, including federal fiscal year 2015 Certifications and Assurances inclusive of provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and all subsequent annual Certifications and Assurances during the length of the agreement, including federal procurement, maintenance, useful life, disposition standards, and ongoing reporting.

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 execute and file applications with, and provide any assurances or any other required documentation to NOACA for funding for capital and operating projects under the Section 5310 Program;

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to execute contracts on behalf of GCRTA for funding under the Section 5310 Program.

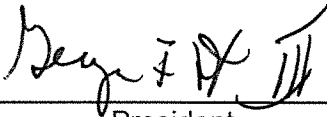
Section 3. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to furnish such additional information as NOACA may require in connection with these applications.

Section 4. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority will provide the local match amount for any grant awarded to it by NOACA under the Section 5310 Program for State fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

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 24, 2015



President

Attest:



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



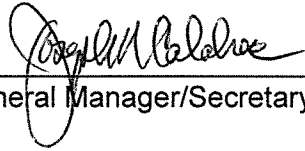
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
STAFF SUMMARY AND COMMENTS

TITLE/DESCRIPTION: AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH NOACA FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS 2015, 2016 AND 2017 FOR FUNDING FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING PROJECTS UNDER THE SECTION 5310 PROGRAM	Resolution No.: 2015-32
	Date: March 19, 2015
	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, provide assurances or other documentation, to and accept funds from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for eligible transit projects under the Section 5310 program for enhanced mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. This resolution is for the State Fiscal Years 2015, 2016 and 2017, which covers the time period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017.
- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** Resolution 2013-49 was approved by the Board allowing GCRTA to apply for funds through NOACA under all programs. NOACA has requested a resolution specifically naming the Section 5310 program as the funding source for a grant application, which is in process. NOACA will administer and make funds available during SFY 2015, and possibly 2016 and 2017 under the Section 5310 program. GCRTA will apply for funding for capital and operating projects from NOACA for eligible transit projects and programs.
- 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 NOACA administered grant programs and Federal Highway Administration Programs as well as the programs of the Federal Transit Administration.
- 6.0 **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** Funding available through NOACA for capital projects may be up to 80% of the total project cost for capital projects and up to 50% of the total project cost for operating projects. GCRTA will to pay the local portion of the project cost.
- 7.0 **ALTERNATIVES:** Do not submit grant applications - This would preclude the Authority from utilizing funding available through NOACA for the five county region as well as funding to the Cleveland Urbanized Area for transportation improvements that NOACA administers under the Section 5310 program.
- 8.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the resolution for NOACA funding for capital and operating projects under the Section 5310 program 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