



Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Greg Kellogg, Transportation Director
Date: 02/15/2021
Re: Resolution of Intent to Apply for State Financial Assistance for Fiscal Year 2022 under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as Amended - LETS

Attached for your consideration and approval is a resolution stating the intention of LETS to apply for financial assistance from the State of Michigan for FY 2022 under Act 51 of the Public Act of 1951, as amended. This resolution must accompany the application to be considered for state funding.

The application includes federal funding of \$2,416,422; state funding of \$2,592,978; and local/other funding of \$2,227,010. The “local/other” category comprises all non-federal/state funding, which includes passenger fares, service contract revenue, contributions from local partnerships, and a continuation of the County’s \$65,000 General Fund contribution.

State Local Bus Operating Assistance

The State of Michigan Local Bus Operating program provides operating assistance estimated at 37.535% of eligible expenses for FY 2022. The LETS programs eligible for this assistance include regular countywide service, the service agreement with People’s Express, and the Michigan Flyer airport shuttle service.

Federal Section 5307 Urban Operating Assistance

Provides 50% reimbursement for operating expenses for regular countywide service. The reimbursement must be calculated net of passenger fare revenue.

Federal Section 5311 Rural Operating Assistance

Provides 18.0% reimbursement for operating expenses for the pass-through funding agreement with People’s Express of Whitmore Lake to provide supplemental dial-a-ride service in southeast Livingston County.

Specialized Services Operating Assistance

State pass-through funding in the amount of \$70,080 for five (5) sub-recipients that provide transportation services to seniors and individuals with disabilities. The providers are Brighton Senior Center, Catholic Charities, Community Mental Health, Hartland Senior Center, and Special Ministries. This funding reimburses the providers at \$1.20 per passenger mile and is allocated based on each provider's share of the total mileage each quarter.

Transportation to Work

Provides 100% reimbursement for up to \$77,670 in eligible operating expenses for the Transportation to Work program. As the name implies this program is dedicated to transportation to employment for low income workers.

Section 5307 Capital

Provides 80% federal funding with 20% state match for transit capital projects. For FY '22 this will include \$485,000 in vehicle and facility preventive maintenance costs and \$50,000 for trip management software annual subscription fees as specified in the agreement with Ecolane.

Section 5339 Capital Formula and Discretionary

Provides 80% federal funding with 20% state match for vehicle and facility projects. Estimated FY '22 Formula funding of \$220,000 will be used to purchase one (1) replacement bus and various facility rehab projects. Also included in the application is \$250,000 in Sec. 5339 Discretionary funding, which is awarded by MDOT if funds are available, and would be used to purchase two (2) replacement buses.

Surface Transportation Program (STP) Capital

Provides 80% federal funding with 20% state match for transit capital projects. This funding is appropriated to the Federal Highway Administration and "flexed" to FTA for eligible transit projects. The funding is coordinated by SEMCOG and the Huron Valley Federal Aid Committee, which votes to allocate funding to local road and transit projects (LETS is a voting member). Estimated FY '22 funding of \$100,000 will be used to purchase one (1) replacement bus.

New Freedom Capital

Provides 80% federal funding and 20% state match for projects that improve mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The total grant of \$100,000 will be used for our new Mobility Management program, including wages and benefits of the LETS Mobility Manager.

Performance indicators from the 2020 fiscal year and budgeted expenses for the 2022 application are attached. As always, thank you for your consideration and support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 517-540-7843.