

Transportation Advisory Committee

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Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and Human Services Transportation Set-aside Recommended Projects

Agenda item type: Action

Summary

DRCOG is the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding for the Denver-Aurora urbanized area. DRCOG's Board, as part of the 2024-2027 TIP set aside \$8 million over four years for Human Services Transportation. DRCOG releases yearly calls for projects for these two funding streams. This agenda item is requesting a motion to recommend approval of the awards for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

Background

DRCOG is the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding for the Denver-Aurora urbanized area. This funding provides approximately \$3 million annually to fund specialized transit projects that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities. DRCOG retains approximately \$250,000 for administrative expenses, while the remaining \$2.75 million is available for subrecipient projects throughout the Denver-Aurora Urbanized Area. Eligible projects include capital, operating and mobility management projects.

DRCOG's Board of Directors as part of the 2024-2027 TIP set aside \$8 million, or \$2 million annually for Human Services Transportation. This funding is available to fund transit capital, operating and mobility management projects that benefit older adults and individuals with disabilities, as well as other vulnerable populations throughout the DRCOG Metropolitan Planning Organization.

DRCOG releases a yearly call for projects for both of these two funding streams. DRCOG released a call for projects in the Fall for projects beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. In addition to the typical yearly available funds, there was approximately \$500,000 in carryover funding from prior years. The total funding available for this call was approximately \$5.3 million. DRCOG received requests from 10 organizations requesting over \$5.8 million in support. Proposals were reviewed by a committee of five individuals who recommended the projects on the attached list for funding. One organization was deemed ineligible for the funding based on the federal regulations after a review the proposals. All other organizations received at least partial funding for their projects. All operating and mobility managements were recommended to get their full request. The total of the projects recommended is approximately \$5.1 million, which leaves some unallocated funding available for this year. This unallocated portion of funding will be made available for projects in the next call for projects.



Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to recommend the Regional Transportation Committee approve the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and Human Services Transportation Set-aside projects for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 as recommended by the review panel.

Attachments

1. List of recommended projects
2. Staff Presentation

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Travis Noon, Manager, AAA Business Operations, Administration and Finance, at 303-480-6775 or tnoon@drcog.org.



Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and Human Services Transportation Set-aside recommended projects

Organization	Proposed Service	Amount Requested	Average Score	Recommended?	Amount Recommended
A Little Help	Mobility Management	\$ 21,000.00	2.22	Yes	\$ 21,000.00
A Little Help	Capital Projects (2 Software Projects)	\$ 55,000.00	2.17	Yes	\$ 55,000.00
AbleLight Inc.	Capital Projects (Replace 5 Vehicles)	\$ 537,880.00	1.88	Yes, 2 Vehicles	\$ 191,845.00
City of Lakewood	Operating Assistance	\$ 85,436.00	2.43	Yes	\$ 85,436.00
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Mobility Management	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.88	Yes	\$ 1,000,000.00
Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council	Mobility Management	\$ 371,250.00	2.47	Yes	\$ 371,250.00
Douglas County Government	Mobility Management	\$ 598,957.00	2.48	Yes	\$ 598,957.00
Douglas County Government	Capital Projects (Replace 1 Vehicle)	\$ 66,366.00	2.55	Yes	\$ 66,366.00
Douglas County Government	Capital Projects (1 Expansion Van)	\$ 71,224.00	2.08	Yes	\$ 71,224.00
Eaton Senior Communities Foundation	Capital Projects (Replace 1 Vehicle)	\$ 136,680.00	2.20	Ineligible	\$ -
Eaton Senior Communities Foundation	Operating Assistance	\$ 15,633.88	1.92	Ineligible	\$ -
Evergreen Park & Recreation District	Operating Assistance	\$ 105,440.00	2.29	Yes	\$ 105,440.00
Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults	Operating Assistance	\$ 180,000.00	2.38	Yes	\$ 180,000.00
Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults	Capital Projects (Replace 2 Vehicles - EVs)	\$ 280,500.00	2.00	Yes, 1 Vehicle	\$ 140,250.00
Via Mobility Services	Operating Assistance	\$ 1,524,920.00	2.69	Yes	\$ 1,524,920.00
Via Mobility Services	Mobility Management	\$ 493,370.00	2.60	Yes	\$ 493,370.00
Via Mobility Services	Capital Projects (EV Infrastructure)	\$ 104,000.00	2.23	Yes	\$ 104,000.00
Via Mobility Services	Capital Projects (2 Servers, 1 Vehicle Alignment Rack, AI Voice Software)	\$ 175,200.00	2.21	Yes	\$ 175,200.00
Total		\$ 5,822,856.88			\$ 5,184,258.00



FTA Section 5310 and HST Recommended Awards

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Background

- DRCOG is the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding for the Denver-Aurora Urbanized Area.
- DRCOG Board of Directors Set-aside \$8 million for human services transportation for the 2024-2027 TIP.
- Funds are used to support capital, operating and mobility management projects in the region that meet the needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities, as well as other vulnerable populations.

Call for Projects

- DRCOG released a call for projects in November 2024.
- 10 organizations submitted proposals requesting over \$5.8 million dollars.
- There is approximately \$5.3 million available for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- Applications were reviewed and scored by a review panel who made the recommendations for funding.

Recommended Awards

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended?	Amount Recommended
A Little Help	Mobility Management	Yes	\$ 21,000.00
A Little Help	Capital Projects (2 Software Projects)	Yes	\$ 55,000.00
AbleLight Inc.	Capital Projects (Replace 5 Vehicles)	Yes, 2 Vehicles	\$ 191,845.00
City of Lakewood	Operating Assistance	Yes	\$ 85,436.00
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Mobility Management	Yes	\$ 1,000,000.00
Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council	Mobility Management	Yes	\$ 371,250.00
Douglas County Government	Mobility Management	Yes	\$ 598,957.00
Douglas County Government	Capital Projects (Replace 1 Vehicle)	Yes	\$ 66,366.00
Douglas County Government	Capital Projects (1 Expansion Van)	Yes	\$ 71,224.00

Recommended Awards Continued

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended?	Amount Recommended
Eaton Senior Communities Foundation	Capital Projects (Replace 1 Vehicle)	Ineligible	\$ 0.00
Eaton Senior Communities Foundation	Operating Assistance	Ineligible	\$ 0.00
Evergreen Park & Recreation District	Operating Assistance	Yes	\$ 105,440.00
Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults	Operating Assistance	Yes	\$ 180,000.00
Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults	Capital Projects (Replace 2 Vehicles - EVs)	Yes, 1 Vehicle	\$ 140,250.00
Via Mobility Services	Operating Assistance	Yes	\$ 1,524,920.00
Via Mobility Services	Mobility Management	Yes	\$ 493,370.00
Via Mobility Services	Capital Projects (EV Infrastructure)	Yes	\$ 104,000.00
Via Mobility Services	Capital Projects (2 Servers, 1 Vehicle Alignment Rack, AI Voice Software)	Yes	\$ 175,200.00

Recommended Motion

Move to recommend the Regional Transportation Committee approve the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and Human Services Transportation Set-aside projects for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 as recommended by the review panel.

Thank you!

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