

FY 2019 Specialized Transportation Resolution — STAFF REPORT

TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 12, 2018

Under 49 USC Section 5310, the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is authorized to issue capital grants for the purpose of assisting organizations in providing transportation services to meet the special needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where existing transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. FTA allocates federal funds to states for the purpose set forth in 49 USC Section 5310 and the Governor of each state, or his/her designated state agency, is responsible for administering and distributing these funds. In Ohio, the program is administered under the name of the Specialized Transportation Program. TMACOG staff has coordinated the application and review process for the program this year. Following past practices and ODOT guidelines, a public announcement of funding availability was made and applications were received from two (2) private providers in the area.

These applications were evaluated by TMACOG staff, TARTA staff and representatives from the Public Transit Committee, in accordance with evaluation criteria provided in the funding application. Based on this evaluation process, the applications were scored and ranked. TARTA is the direct recipient of funding for the 5310 program and determined there was \$260,386 available for vehicles and \$4,671 for preventative maintenance for FY 2019. Applications were submitted by Anne Grady Corporation and Bittersweet Farms. The total funding request is \$177,939 for vehicles and \$10,705.60 for preventative maintenance.

Based on the scoring and funding availability, it is recommended that Anne Grady receive three vehicles (\$148,800), Bittersweet Farms receive one vehicle (\$29,139), and Bittersweet Farms receive the amount available for preventative maintenance funds (\$4,671).

This recommendation was approved by Transportation Council on December 5, 2018.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOLEDO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TO RECOMMEND THE AWARD OF FY 2019
SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION (SECTION 5310) FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is a voluntary association of local governments and non-governmental partners in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), an association of local governments organized on May 31, 1968, was established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Michigan Public Act No. 7 (EX-SESS), has carried out comprehensive metropolitan and regional planning since that date; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by the Governor through the Ohio Department of Transportation and in cooperation with local elected officials and is authorized to carry out the continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process (Process) for the Toledo area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration, 49 USC Section 5310 provides for direct capital assistance to private, non-profit agencies for vehicle and equipment purchase serving the transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) is the direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds and TMACOG and TARTA have a Memorandum of Understanding for the administration of 5310 funding; and

WHEREAS, the applications have been reviewed by TMACOG based on criteria jointly established by TMACOG and TARTA and used an evaluation process consistent with ODOT program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, TMACOG has worked with TARTA and members of the Public Transit Committee to evaluate two (2) requests for these funds; and

WHEREAS, using this procedure the applications for Anne Grady and Bittersweet Farms met the criteria for funding; and

WHEREAS, Anne Grady has requested funding in the amount of \$148,800 for vehicles and Bittersweet Farms has requested funding in the amount of \$29,139 for a vehicle and \$10,705.60 for preventative maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the TMACOG Public Transit Committee recommended the funding awards on November 28, 2018 and the Transportation Council approved this resolution on December 5, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments:

Section 1

THAT, three (3) Specialized Transportation vehicles be designated to Anne Grady to provide transportation for elderly, physically, and/or mentally disabled clients; and

Section 2

THAT, one Specialized Transportation vehicle be designated to Bittersweet Farms to provide transportation for adolescents and adults with autism and preventative maintenance costs; and

Section 3:

THAT the projects are hereby certified as compatible with the Toledo Urbanized Area Coordinated Public and Human Services Transportation Plan Update; and

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on December 12, 2018.

Yea _____, Nay _____, Abstain _____

Doris I. Herringshaw, Ed.D., Chair
Toledo Metropolitan Area
Council of Governments (TMACOG)

Tim W. Brown, President
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