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April 12, 2017

TO: MPOs AND RTPAs:

The Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT) is pleased to announce a "Call for Projects" for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 program. Funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017, as appropriated by federal transportation legislation, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, will be awarded to projects that enhance public transportation in rural areas. California's annual apportionment is estimated to be approximately \$20.4 million each year, which does not include the amount available for Section 5311(f) discretionary funding purposes.

The FTA apportionment amount is based on the 2010 decennial census and represents the full funding amount anticipated for FFY 2017 and 2018. If the final amount allocated to California is less than the amount estimated, your allocation will be adjusted accordingly. The amount allocated to each region and balance sheets including pre-award letters are attached.

During this Call for Projects, the BlackCat System, our web-based electronic grants management system, will accept all Section 5311, 5311(f), and Rural Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) applications concurrently, whether for FFY 2017 or FFY 2018 funds. All applications are due May 24, 2017. Specific details about the programs included in this Call for Projects follows.

FTA Section 5311 Program (Rural Transit)

The DRMT is especially excited to announce that the 5311 program is holding a two-year call for projects. Applicants in the FTA Section 5311 program will apply for both FFY 2017 and FFY 2018. Projects and budgets for each year of funding will need to be created in BlackCat Grants.

This two-year Call for Projects will also allow the DRMT to operate the 5311 program in the current year, rather than continuing to operate the program in arrears. Anticipated benefits are increased program efficiency, expedited application approvals, timely execution of standard agreements, reimbursements as costs are incurred (FY 2018), and flexibility for agencies in planning their financial needs, and alignment of the 5311 program with the Section 5311(f) and CMAQ programs that already operate in the current year.

FTA Section 5311(f) (Intercity Bus) and Rural CMAQ

Applicants for the 5311(f) and CMAQ programs will apply for FFY 2018 funds only. For FFY 2018, funding is available only for continuous funding Section 5311(f) applicants and

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allocated amounts would be provided to the participating agencies in a separate letter. Because of limited program funding, no new Section 5311(f) applications will be considered in the FFY 2018.

To access the BlackCat system and to complete and submit your application, please use the confidential log in information previously assigned to you. If you do not have a log in, please contact Ronaldo Hu of the California Department of Transportation's DRMT at (916) 657-3955. The BlackCat Grants Support Center can also assist you with any questions regarding the use of the system or with problems submitting your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ogbonna", with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

JAMES OGBONNA
Branch Chief
Rural Transit and Intercity Bus

Attachment

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SECTION 5311
REGIONAL/COUNTY
BALANCES

District 1
HUMBOLDT
COUNTY

CARRYOVER FUNDS	\$	16,868
FY2017 estimated apportionment		726,315
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$	743,183

Revised 4/12/17	
FY2018 Est Apportionment	\$ 742,904

RUNNING

DATE	TRANSACTION	RECIPIENT	P	CONTRACT	Apportionment	Encumbered	BALANCE
1/27/2014	FY2014 Apportionment		P		904,619		904,619
	Capital Assistance - ADA improv	City of Arcata	69	6414002			
	Operating Assistance	City of Arcata	69	6414105		(22,810)	
	Capital Assist.	Bear River Band	69	6414001		(90,000)	
	Operating Assistance	City of Eureka	69	6414115		0	14,000
	Capital Assistance	Humboldt	69	6414009		(47,809)	
	Capital Assistance Vehicle Replacement 2 Buses; Class I; Diesel; 40' / 40 pass					(730,000)	
12/3/2014	FY2015 Apportionment				757,678		
	Capital Assistance Replacement/Expansion	Humboldt Transit Authority	77	64BC15-00231			
	Operating Assistance	City of Arcata	77	64BO15-00237		(419,500)	
	Operating Assistance	City of Eureka	77	64BO15-00238		(93,800)	
	Planning Assistance	City of Eureka	77	64BP15-00319		(75,700)	
	Assistance					(62,478)	

	Operating Assistance apportionment	County of Humboldt	77	64B015-00239					
2/1/2016	FY2016 apportionment					719,111	(95,550)		16,868
	Operating Assistance	City of Arcata		64B01700365			140,000		603,761
	Capital	HTA		64BC1700401			478,761		125,000
	Operating Assistance	City of Eureka		64B01700373			125,000		16,868
2/20/2017	FY 2017 Estimated Apportionment					726,315			
		TOTAL DIST 1 - HUMBOLDT COUNTY				10,532,337	(9,062,261)		16,868

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- 5) The federal amount of any future FTA assistance awarded to the subrecipient for the project will be determined on the basis of the overall scope of activities and the prevailing statutory provisions with respect to the federal/local match ratio at the time the funds are obligated.
- 6) All federal environmental, planning, and other grant requirements must be met at the appropriate time for the project to remain eligible for federal funding. **Please note that projects requiring Categorical Exclusion or FTA environmental project approval must be completed prior to the date of this pre-award letter to be eligible for the authority granted under this pre-award letter.**
- 7) The project must comply with the Clean Air Act, National Environmental Protection Act.
- 8) Federal procurement procedures must be followed, including but not limited to, Davis- Bacon Act (prevailing wage requirements), Third-Party Agreements (Circular 4220.1F), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, and Buy America.

Based on the above conditions, your project is approved for pre-award authority, pending grant FTA approval. **This pre-award authority is applicable to Operating Projects only.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 651-6116.

Sincerely,



JAMES OGBONNA

Branch Chief

Rural Transit and Intercity Bus