



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

12-2584

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 04, 2012

TITLE: Resolution approving Grant Application - South Florida Regional
Transportation Authority Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant Program of
\$190,500 with a \$91,500 City match required.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the proper city officials to apply for, receive and expend grant dollars from the Federal Transit Administration's Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program through the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) for shuttle service in the 'Uptown' area.

Background

The City is requesting a JARC grant in the amount of \$190,500 plus a required 20% capital equipment match of \$33,000 and a required 80% to 20% operating cost match of \$58,500 total for the two year period. City match will be from the State's Toll Credits Program.

JARC grant funds will be used to start up a shuttle service in the 'Uptown' area around the junction of Powerline Road and Cypress Creek Road. The shuttle service will operate 25 hours each week to reduce traffic congestion and vehicle trips in the area from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The funds will be for the capital purchase of a trolley or similar vehicle for the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association, the integration of an automated fare box system and ridership counting technology. The grant request will include two (2) years of operational costs including management, operations, and maintenance of the trolleys. The trolley service provides job access to area businesses and services.

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority announced the availability of grant funds on October 16, 2012 under the Federal Transportation Authority's MAP21 program. The grant application deadline is December 21, 2012. The project proposals will be ranked in February 2013 by SFRTA and the Federal Transit Authority will make final determinations later in 2013, dates not yet available. SFRTA will administer this grant and the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association

(DTFLTMA) will manage and operate the route. The City will be a sub-recipient of the grant.

Grant funds are available for services that were not operational on August 10, 2005. The JARC program is intended to provide funding for job access and reverse commute service including fixed route public transit.

It is anticipated the grant agreement will be received in December 2013. Grant funding will provide support for up to two years from the date of execution. Staff is prepared to meet these deadlines. The City's will advance the cost of purchasing the trolleys and to reimburse the Transportation Management Association for operation and administrative costs and be reimbursed from grant funds.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact at this time. If successful in application, a match of \$ 91,500 will be presented to the City Commission for appropriation in a budget amendment agenda item.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 - Resolution

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