

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 14, 2009

Council Meeting: September 23, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 1, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Execute Agreements for the Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom FFY 2008-2009 Program Funding
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	2009 Unified Operating Budget Amendment, 2009-252
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Division/Department:	Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute subrecipient agreements with the specified agencies and for the specified amounts of federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) or New Freedom program funding identified in Attachment A.

Background

The projects receiving funding through the federal JARC and New Freedom programs were selected using a competitive solicitation process. A list of recommended projects was approved by the Council on February 11, 2009. These projects were also amended into the 2009 MTS Operating Budget on September 9, 2009.

Since some projects are continuing from their 2006-2007 JARC or New Freedom awards, additional funds will be added to their existing agreement. In this case, the amount in Attachment A represents the amended agreement value including any previous funding.

The subrecipients agree to provide the local match for these federal funds.

Rationale

The projects were selected using a competitive process and agreements must now be executed to allow for the disbursement of funding from JARC and New Freedom programs to the designated subrecipients.

Funding

Federal funding levels for existing agreements, new award amounts, and amended agreements are summarized in Attachment A. Subrecipients are responsible for providing the local match to their Federal funds as agreed to in their Subrecipient Agreement.

The amounts have been amended into the 2009 MTS operating budget as pass-through.

Known Support / Opposition

None known.

Attachment A

New Freedom

Agency	Project	Existing Agreement 2006-2007	New Award Amount 2008-2009	New Agreement
City of St. Paul	Accessible Pedestrian Signals	\$100,000	\$160,000	\$260,000
City of Minneapolis	Accessible Pedestrian Signals	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$275,000
Human Services, Inc.	HSI Transporter Expansion	\$43,345	\$31,766	\$75,111
Scott and Carver Counties	Dial-a-Ride Merger	\$274,577	\$240,500	\$515,077
New Freedom Total		\$542,922	\$582,266	\$1,125,188

JARC

Agency	Project	Existing Agreement 2006-2007	New Award Amount 2008-2009	New Agreement
Emerge Inc.	Transportation Services	\$196,381	\$611,781	\$808,162
Rise Inc.	"Rides for Work" Transportation Program	-	\$96,153	\$96,153
Prior Lake	BlueXpress Reverse Commute Operating	-	\$60,000	\$60,000
MVTA	Route 436 – Reverse Commute	-	\$166,750	\$166,750
JARC Total		\$196,381	\$934,684	\$1,131,065