5310 and 5311 Funding Distribution Policy
TRAC Subcommittee, April 5, 2017

Agenda

- Introductions
- Discussion Topics
  - Report on 5311 Presentations and Feedback
  - Organizations serving multiple jurisdictions
  - Discuss 5310
- Next Steps

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REPORT ON 5311 PRESENTATIONS AND FEEDBACK

Overview and Recommendations

- Transportation Commission Workshop: March 15th
- TRAC: March 17th
- STAC: March 24th
- Transit town halls coming up (April 6th – 12th)
- CASTA membership meeting
- Transportation Commission Workshop and Approval: April 19th and 20th

Subcommittee Recommendation Options

1. No change, stick with recommended methodology and five-year transition plan

2. Apply first year and re-evaluate

3. No change
   - Grant levels frozen
   - Use small increase for new agencies
   - Continue discussions through 2017

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FINAL CHARTS AND METHOD

Updates Since Last Meeting

- GVRTA was moved to large category
- Clarification – five years of transition, final grant level reached after six years
- Bumped up SCCOG's funding level to equal 2017 as they were "held harmless"
- Changed how some information was presented.

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OUTSTANDING ISSUES – CURRENT AND FUTURE

Outstanding Issues

- Some we have set aside to resolve prior to the next call for projects

- Objectives:
  - A list of items for subcommittee to address in upcoming months
  - Decisions on meeting schedule / timing

The List

- Grants to agencies serving multiple jurisdictions
- Maintenance of effort
- Changes in FY 5310 applications for this cycle
- 5310 funding for future cycles
- How to use performance measures?
- Changes in 5311 applications for this cycle
- Is the next cycle two years or one?

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Grants to Agencies Serving Multiple Jurisdictions – The Issues

- Inconsistent approach
- If an agency is getting funding reductions, should smaller satellite programs be harmed?
- Skilled agencies can operate quality service cost effectively. Requires balance between:
  – Providing equity for smaller organizations
  – Requiring two layers of compliance activities
- Double counting – service and budgets can show up twice.

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SECTION 5310

Section 5310 Program

- Combination:
  - Recommendations for current cycle
  - Continuing discussion for future grant cycles
- Focus group reached some agreement but did not explore issues in depth.

Outcomes of 5310 Focus Groups

- Mobility management (MM) provides important services

- Reducing MM will not solve the "capital crisis"

- More direction and performance measures are needed for mobility managers

- Stakeholders: There is a need to transfer 5310 operating programs to 5311 if no future operating is offered in rural areas.

- CDOT: MM needs to have a regional approach

Outcomes of 5310 Focus Groups, cont.

- Magnitude of capital issues by area
- How to use performance measures across the breadth of MM programs
- There was not substantive discussion of:
  - Urban area programs other than Mobility Managers
  - Differences in funding levels (rural, small urban, large urban)

Recommendations for 5310

- Transfer of existing 5310 programs to 5311 is in progress.
- Policy recommendation: no 5310 funding for operations projects in rural areas
- Clarify MM expectations for FY 18 application
  - Foundation needed before funding other activities
  - Only changes in urban areas is to define MM responsibilities
  - Only require reporting in FY 18 and begin establishing performance measures

Continued 5310 Discussions

- Measuring the effectiveness of investments in MM programs.
- Differences in what can be funded in rural versus urban areas
  - Due to differences in needs and size of fund pot
- Addressing capital issues
  - Vehicle replacement needs by area (rural, small urban, urban)
  - Strategies for maintaining fleet in state of good repair
  - Strategies for reducing number of vehicles the 5310 program funds or increasing available funding.

Core Functions of Mobility Mgrs.

- Four core areas
  - Customer information and access to services
  - Coordination
  - Fleet management and vehicle sharing
  - Training
- Specific functions required in each area
- The functions can be carried out by different individuals or agencies

Function:	Customer Information and Access to Services
Goal:	There is a broad understanding in our region about available services and how to access them
Core Activities:	1. Provide information about mobility services that is comprehensive, easy to use, and easy to access. 2. Provide easy-to-use information on obtaining program eligibility or to use services. 3. Offer individual travel planning. 4. Offer travel training for any fixed route services

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Function:	Coordination*
Goal:	The human service agencies, medical community, volunteer organizations, schools, and transportation providers cooperate, collaborate, and coordinate.
Core Activities:	• Facilitate a local/regional coordinating council that has broad participation among stakeholders, clearly defined goals, and an action plan. • Document the availability of services and gaps in services in your region. • Build a solid knowledge among stakeholders of the services provided by others. Build an understanding the limitations of funding sources and opportunities to work together to achieve common goals. • Reach out to and build partnerships among diverse organizations, community and program leaders, and service providers • Work with providers to use common definitions and uniformly track and report items such as one-way trips, unduplicated clients, miles, and costs.

Function:	Fleet Management and Sharing
Goal:	Our vehicle fleet is the right size for the community, vehicles have good utilization rates, and are in a state of good repair.
Core Activities:	- Maintain a vehicle inventory for the region - Track total fleet size, age, mileage and accessibility. - Have identified the right size of fleet for your service area and include in your action plan steps to attain it and maintain it in a state of good repair.
Function:	Training*
Goal:	The staff of employment, human service agencies, and transit providers are knowledgeable and trained in how to meet clients' mobility needs
Core Activities:	Train human service agency staff on how to use available information about mobility services and eligibility.

Other Mobility Management Items

- Expectation is that mobility management programs will:
  - Serve an entire county at a minimum
  - Address travel needs across jurisdictions
  - Coordinate all available resources and modes
- Exceptions are allowed and time for existing programs to adapt
- A CDOT goal is to measure program effectiveness, but this will be a process.

Next Steps

- Planned activities:
  - Transit Town Halls
  - CASTA membership meeting
  - Transportation Commission meeting