

# City of Rialto

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For City Council Meeting [April 12, 2022]

TO: Honorable City Council

APPROVAL: Marcus Fuller, City Manager

FROM: Cynthia Alvarado-Crawford, Director of Community Services

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## (ACTION)

#### **BACKGROUND**

On January 13, 2022, Omnitrans Special Transportation Services announced the 2022 Measure I Specialized Transportation Grant funding cycle. Funding is available to organizations that provide transportation services in the San Bernardino Valley subarea to seniors and persons with disabilities. The funding comes from a portion of the voter approved one-half of one percent (.05%) sales tax generated in San Bernardino County's incorporated and unincorporated territories. Proposals are due to Omnitrans on Thursday, April 14, 2022 no later than 4:00PM. A copy of the Call for Projects is included as **Attachment 1.** 

This Call for Projects covers Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 with approximately \$2,750,000 available each year for new projects that will improve mobility and/or coordination of transportation services and address the unmet/underserved transportation needs of seniors and/or persons with disabilities in the San Bernardino Valley.

The Measure I funds for this Call are funds directly allocated to Omnitrans as CTSA for San Bernardino Valley. Measure I requires that projects selected for funding must address transportation

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needs identified in the Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan for San Bernardino County, 2016-2020. The Plan identifies existing transportation services, unmet transportation needs and service gaps, as well as the prioritized goals and strategies for transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

#### **ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:**

There are a number of specialized transportation programs receiving financial support that either initiated or expanded projects that address the mobility needs of persons with disabilities, older adults Staff has connected with local agencies that have implemented successful programs under this funding cycle. Based on the goals and objectives outlined in the call for projects, staff recommend the following project(s) for submission.

- 1. Transportation Services for Seniors and Disabled Community: Goal of the program is to transport seniors and the disabled community with directly operated responsive transportation. These services will be operated from by the Senior Center and managed by the Community Services Department. The City will coordinate with Omnitrans to develop a bus schedule and bus routes that covers target areas of need for essential trips including medical appointment, local shopping centers amongst other activities.
- 2. Free Bus Passes for Seniors and Disabled Community: Goal of the program is to increase capacity of service quality in addressing mobility needs of the Seniors and Disabled Community. The City will coordinate this effort with Omnitrans to ensure its effectiveness. The free passes will be made available at most City Facilities and the City's weekly Farmer Market Event. The Farmers Market occurs every Wednesday from 9AM- 2PM is a vital opportunity to connect with our Senior and Disabled Community to offer this assistance.

The estimated cost for the implementation of this program is outlined on Table 1 & Table 2 below.

TABLE 1: ESTIMATED CAPITAL EXPENSES - 90% Reimbursable/10% Local Match

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	Year 1	Year 2	
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	
EXPENSES	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u>
Purchase of Two (2) ADA Vehicles	70,000	77,000	147,000
Installation of Two (2) Electric Vehicle			
Charging Stations	55,000	-	55,000
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES	125,000	77,000	202,000
FUNDING SOURCES			-
City Match (10%)	12,500	7,700	20,200
Measure I Omnitrans (RMP) Request	112,500	69,300	181,800
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	125,000	77,000	202,000
2022 Omnitrans Measure I Regional			
Mobility Partnership (RMP) Program			
Request	90%	90%	90%

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TABLE 2: ESTIMATED OPERATIONAL EXPENSES - 80% Reimbursable/20% Local Match

	Year 1	Year 2	
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	
EXPENSES	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personnel Costs			
1 FTE Bus Driver: 40 HRs/Week			
1 PT Bus Driver: 20 HRS/Week	65,000	100,750	165,750
Program Support	20,000	20,000	40,000
Free Bus Passes Program	30,000	30,000	60,000
Non-Personnel Costs: Fuel, supplies,			
etc.	10,000	10,000	20,000
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES	125,000	160,750	285,750
FUNDING SOURCES			-
City Match (10%)	25,000	32,150	57,150
Measure I Omnitrans (RMP) Request	100,000	128,600	228,600
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	125,000	160,750	285,750
2022 Omnitrans Measure I Regional			
Mobility Partnership (RMP) Program			
Request	80%	80%	80%

Notification of projects funded is scheduled for July 2022, if the City if successful, staff will return to City Council for acceptance of the grant at that time.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

The proposed request is not a "Project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to Section 15378(a), a "Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. According to Section 15378(b), a Project does not include: (5) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

#### **GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:**

Approval of this action complies with the following City of Rialto General Plan Goals and Policies:

Our City government will lead by example, and will operate in an open, transparent, and responsive manner that meets the needs of the citizens and is a good place to do business.

Approval of this action also complies with the City of Rialto General Plan Goal and Policies:

Goal 3-11: Provide community facilities that adequately support established programs, can accommodate future needs, and are accessible to all members of the community.

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#### **LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney has reviewed and supports this staff report.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

## **Operating Budget Impact**

This Call for Projects covers two years - July 2022 through June 30 of 2024. If selected, the City may be awarded up to two years of funding with a maximum amount of

\$250, 000 per fiscal year. This grant program requires a minimum local match of 20% of the total annual program expenditures. Match funding may be comprised of cash subsidies, fare revenues, donations, agency owned assets or capital, or in-kind contributions such as salaries and benefits for the participating agency employees who perform work on the program. Sufficient funds are included in the FY2022-2023 Community Services budget for the first year of the program implementation.

The Operational Costs for Fiscal Year 2023 are estimated at \$125,000, which includes personnel costs, program support and other non-personnel costs. The RMP Guidelines require a City Match of 20% for operational expenses, or \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2023.

### **Capital Improvement Budget Impact**

The Capital Improvements Costs for Fiscal Year 2023 are estimated at \$125,000 which includes ADA vehicle purchase installation costs for two charging stations. The RMP Guidelines require a City Match of 10% for capital expenditures, or \$12,500 in Fiscal Year 2023.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Request City Council to Authorize the Submission of Grant Application to the 2022 Omnitrans Measure I Regional Mobility Partnership (RMP) Program in the amount of \$487,750 that covers Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024, requiring a total local match of \$77,350.