



City of Apache Junction

Development Services Department



DATE: March 2, 2016

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: George Hoffman, City Manager
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director

FROM: Heather Patel, Grants Administrator

SUBJECT: Local Transportation Assistance Fund II Application for Fiscal Year 2016

REQUEST

The mayor and city council shall consider proposed Resolution No. 16-07 recommending the city's Fiscal Year 2016 Local Transportation Assistance Fund (hereinafter "LTAF") II allocation be directed to the Apache Junction Active Adult Center (dba East Valley Adult Resources) for support of transportation services and authorizing the Mayor to sign a pass-through agreement.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the court order filed in *Paisley v. Darwin*, the State Treasurer resumed distribution of multi-state lottery game proceeds to the Public Transportation Fund in Maricopa County in Fiscal Year 2012. To date, the Legislature has not enacted any statute that would supersede the court order and Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority ("RPTA") continues to receive monthly distributions of lottery revenues for public transportation purposes. Lottery revenues for FY2016 are estimated to be \$11,200,000.

Maricopa County and jurisdictions within the county that receive LTAF funding are required to use the funding for public transportation. There is no local match requirement for these funds.

Public transit is defined as any service, vehicle(s), or support facility for a vehicle(s), intended for the purpose of conveying multiple passengers (i.e. typically 5 or more) and which meets applicable state and federal safety and accessibility laws, rules, and regulations. The definition also includes the planning and administrative support for such services. It is the intent of the program to provide funds for the purpose of providing transit service or facilities that is available to the following populations:

- The general public;
- Elderly persons;
- Persons with disabilities;
- Welfare recipients and "low-income" persons engaged in employment activities.

Funding will be distributed directly to eligible jurisdictions in the county and includes Maricopa County, and cities and towns within the county.

In the case of private, not-for-profit agencies and private, for-profit transit providers, the city receiving the LTAF funding must enter into an agreement with the proposed operator to provide the transportation service approved by the city council. The agreement, accompanied by council resolution, must be available to Valley Metro RPTA as evidence of the agreement.

DISCUSSION

To receive the funds allocated to Maricopa County communities, jurisdictions must apply annually. In FY 2016, Apache Junction will receive \$863. An application was submitted to the Valley Metro Regional Public Transportation Authority in January 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the city council approve Resolution No. 16-07 recommending the city's Fiscal Year 2016 Local Transportation Assistance Fund II allocation be directed to the Apache Junction Active Adult Center for support of transportation services and authorizing the mayor to sign a pass-through agreement.

ACTION REQUIRED

Consideration for approval under the consent agenda.

Attachment 1: Resolution Number 16-07

Attachment 2: Grant pass-through agreement between the City of Apache Junction and East Valley Adult Resources.