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MEMORANDUM

TO: MARK D BOUGHTON VIA THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DSt*
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION-DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSIT SERVICE
DATE: 2/18/2010

Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury to participate in the enhanced regional municipal dial-a-ride transit service matching grant program through the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation. The attached resolution allows the City of Danbury to designate HART(Housatonic Area Regional Transit) to make application for this funding. This funding is for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

The local match is met by the City's annual allocation to HART in the budget.

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact my office at 203-797-4652.



RESOLUTION

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CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A.D. 2010

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) provides matching grants for the enhanced regional municipal dial-a-ride transit service as operated in this area by the Housatonic Area Regional Transit system ("HART"); and

WHEREAS, state law requires that participating municipalities make application for said funding through a designated transit district or system (HART); and

WHEREAS, a local match of fifty percent (50%) is required; and

WHEREAS, authorization to participate in the regional application for the program is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Mark D. Boughton or his designee be and hereby is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements or other documents on behalf of the City of Danbury, with ConnDOT and with or on behalf or in conjunction with HART in order to accomplish the purposes hereof.

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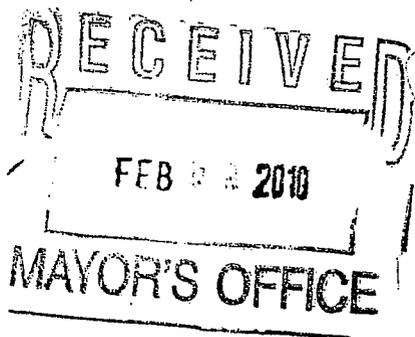
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February 5, 2010

Mayor Mark Boughton
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*local
Federal 5307 program
State \$ supplements
As long as we
don't reduce
funding level -
Sweetheart*



Re: State Matching Grant Program: Elderly and Disabled Transit Services

Dear Mayor Boughton:

The enclosed information describes the State's 13b-38bb matching grant program for enhanced municipal dial-a-ride transit service for SFY-2011. Municipal allocations through this grant program remain the same as last year, although we are unsure if this program will be fully funded in FY 2011.

This is the sixth year this program is being offered by ConnDOT. During previous program years, your community participated in a regional application, prepared by HART. Richard Schreiner, Director of Service Development for HART, will be contacting you in the near future to determine your interest in continuing this regional approach.

As in previous applications, several certifications/resolutions are required for grant submission. These include an authorizing resolution that requires action by your municipal board, a maintenance of effort certification to be signed by your chief fiscal officer and letter of submittal signed by you. In addition, municipalities participating in a regional application will complete a grant assignment certification. ①
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The 13b-38bb program will be an agenda item for the February 18th HVCEO meeting.

Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding this program.

Sincerely,

David Hannon
Deputy Director

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cc: Richard Schreiner, HART
Enclosures (2)

Program Description

A review of “Elderly Transportation Services” by the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee in 1998 highlighted the inconsistent availability of transportation across the state for seniors and people with disabilities. The program review committee found that:

- programs vary greatly among municipalities, with the level of service provided dependent on geographic lines, available funding, and local support;
- funding sources differ substantially depending on the municipality;
- no single funding source exists, instead funding is a patchwork of federal, state and local money;
- a local grant program would equalize funding among towns that already have dial-a-ride programs and provide opportunities for dial-ride services in towns where they are not currently available.

The Connecticut General Assembly enacted the recommended grant program in the 1999 legislative session, but funding was not appropriated until State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2006.

The senior and disabled transportation municipal grant program (hereinafter referred to as the “Municipal Grant Program”) as enacted, made \$5 million available to municipalities in each of three state fiscal years, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. The funds are available to any municipality and are apportioned based on the formula in the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) 13b-38bb, which states:

“Fifty per cent of such funds shall be apportioned on the basis of the share of population of persons age sixty or older in the municipality relative to the state’s total population of persons age sixty or older, as defined in the most recent federal decennial census or in estimates provided in the five-year interim by the Office of Policy and Management. Fifty percent of such funds shall be apportioned on the basis of a municipality’s square mileage relative to the state’s total square mileage.”

C.G.S. 13b-38bb also requires that municipalities apply to the state for the funds through a designated Regional Planning Organization (RPO) or transit district. The applicant must work with this regional body to determine how to use the funding most effectively in that municipality and its surrounding region. If a municipality chooses not to apply for its share, that portion will be returned to the Special Transportation Fund.

In order to be certain that state funds will not be used to supplant municipal funds, the municipality must certify their maintenance of effort annually. Grants require a local match so that the grant funds do not exceed 50% of total dial-a-ride expenditures. If a municipality is already providing transportation for seniors and person with disabilities, those funds can be used towards the matching requirement, with some restrictions. Please see the “Eligible Match” section for details.