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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/22/2011
TO: MARK D. BOUGHTON VIA THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID W. ST. HILAIRE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE *DWH*
RE: RESOLUTION-DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSIT SERVICE

Attached for your review is a resolution that will allow the City of Danbury to participate in the enhanced regional municipal 'Dial-A-Ride' 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 transit funding for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

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

The City Council is respectfully requested to consider this resolution at its next meeting. Please contact me should you require any additional information.

Attach.



RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

_____ A.D. 2011

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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2012 State Matching Grant Program
to Provide Transportation Services
for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities

- The application for the 2012 State Matching Grant Program (MGP) is now available on the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) website. To download the application, FAQ and Management Plan go to www.ct.gov/dot, under Highlights and Initiatives, click on Public Transportation Resources, under Human Services Transportation Programs, go to State Programs Administered by ConnDOT, and click State Matching Grant Program.
- Funding is available for all 169 towns and cities within the State of Connecticut.
- A 50% match is required. This means that matching dollars must be *at least equal* to the amount of grant funds.
- Annual apportionment for the program has been \$5 million. The 2012 application assumes the same amount. The budget for State Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) will be determined during the 2011 Legislative session (January 5 through June 8, 2011). Decisions made during the Legislative session may impact the availability of funding for this program.
- Applications must be submitted to RPOs by **Friday, April 1, 2011**. RPOs will then submit the applications to ConnDOT by April 15, 2011.
- **NEW AGREEMENTS** must be executed for EVERY applicant this year. Delays in applying for the grant or processing the agreements will lead to delays in payment. Please make every attempt to move the grant paperwork along quickly.
- For questions on the State Matching Grant Program, please contact the ConnDOT program manager, Aimee Marques, at (860)594-2840.