LOCAL COORDINATED PLANNING GRANTS

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INTRODUCTION

- You are on mute!
  - To reduce background noise
  - Please use Chat box
  - I will pause after each section to address questions
INTRODUCTION

- What is a Coordinated Plan
- Goals of Funding Awards
- Funding Eligibility
- Project Selection Preference
- Allowable and Unallowable Expenses
- Application Review
- Getting Reimbursement
WHAT IS A COORDINATED PLAN?

Locally Developed Health and Human Services - Public Transit Coordinated Plans

- Coordinated plans

- Purpose of the plans
  - Identify resources
  - Identify needs
  - Identify strategies to meet those needs
  - Prioritize strategies
WHAT IS A COORDINATED PLAN

- Visit or (Google: Ohio Coordinated Plans) http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/Transit/Pages/LocallyDevelopedCoordinatedPlans.aspx
- We have guidance, template and tool box for you!
- We will offer technical assistance!
WHY HAVE A COORDINATED PLAN?

- Increased Coordination increases access to mobility for older adults, people with disabilities and other transportation disadvantaged populations
- Federal law requires plans for Section 5310 (Specialized Transportation)
- No plan = No Section 5310 Funding
FUNDING SOURCE

- ODOT is the pass-through entity for funds
- Medicaid Money Follows the Person balancing funds
- Funds Ohio gets due to cost savings for transitioning people from institutions to community settings
- Needs to be used to increase community integration
OVERALL GOAL

Increase access to mobility for older adults, people with disabilities, and other transportation disadvantaged populations

Increase community integration of older adults and people with disabilities
OUTCOMES

- Achieve Greater coverage of coordinated plans in Ohio
- Ensure coordinated plans are an accurate reflection of community needs
- Ensure participation of older adults, people with disabilities, and other transportation disadvantaged populations in the planning process
FUNDING TIMELINE

- May 15, 2017 - Application Released
  - https://odot.formstack.com/forms/local_coordinated_planning_grant
- May 24, 2017 - Webinar
- July 1, 2017 - Application Due
- July 15, 2017 - Notice of funding award
  - Informal notice - we will need to get approval from ODOT, issue a contract, etc.

All expenses on or after July 1, 2017 will be eligible.
FUNDING AMOUNTS

Good News:
- No Limit to funds to be requested
- Funds will be provided at 100% - No local match

Not as Good News
- We only have $250,000 total
- Not all projects may be selected, not all expenses may be approved
ELIGIBILITY

- Funding will be provided to lead agencies
  - Lead agencies are determined locally
  - May be a government authority, or a non-profit
PROJECT SELECTION PREFERENCE

- Projects in rural or small urban areas
- Once all eligible projects located in rural or small urban areas are funded, projects located in urban areas will be considered
PROJECT SELECTION PREFERENCE

1. Plans that include a county that does not currently have a coordinated plan
2. Plans that demonstrate a need for an update and include more than one county
3. Plans that demonstrate need for an update and cover only one county
ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- Expenses Directly Related to Coordinated Planning
  - Staff time
    - Arranging and hosting meetings, performing research, drafting the plan, meeting with decision makers, performing outreach, working with ODOT
  - Community Meetings and Forums
    - Advertising, printing, renting meeting space, providing accommodations for people with disabilities
  - Performing surveys
    - Printing, advertising, social media
UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES

- Indirect Expenses
  - Rent, utilities, etc.

- Plan Implementation
  - Vehicles, operating expenses

- Food or beverages

- Capital Purchases
  - Computers, software
WHAT ABOUT CONSULTANTS?

- We would prefer you didn’t
  - There is no direct ban on consultants
  - Your application must demonstrate that the lead agency is the one that is leading this effort
  - The consultant is only assisting with specific tasks
    - Survey analysis, creation of maps, etc.

Be CLEAR about why consultant is needed in budget narrative
QUESTIONS
WHAT IS INCLUDED IN APPLICATION?

- https://odot.formstack.com/forms/local_coordinated_planning_grant
GETTING REIMBURSEMENT

- Funding based on completed deliverable
  - Agency submits coordinated plan for review/approval
  - ODOT will review and approve the plan
  - Once the plan is approved, lead agency will provide invoice of all expenses
  - ODOT will review and approve invoice, process for final payment
REPORTING AND MONITORING

- Lead Agencies must follow all FTA and ODOT guidance
- Including record keeping requirements
- Records must be provided to ODOT upon request
WHEN ARE THESE DUE?

- If you want to apply for Section 5310 funding for CY 2019
  - The need to be approved by ODOT by December 31, 2017
  - Drafts due to ODOT by November 17 - if this is not possible you need to communicate with ODOT

- If you do not want to apply for Section 5310 until CY 2020
  - The plan does not need to be approved by ODOT until December 31, 2018