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Information Update – Special CFP 2021 – Section 5310

To: Chair and Board of Directors
Through: President/CEO Inez P. Evans
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SPECIAL CALL FOR PROJECTS (2021) – SECTION 5310

BACKGROUND:

The emphasis of Section 5310 funding is to improve the mobility for transportation of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The special call for projects is the result of additional funding provided by Congress through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. These acts were intended to support the transit industry response to COVID-19. Specifically, the funds were intended to be first directed to payroll and operations of public transit.

IPTC offered a special call for projects focused on reimbursable expenses and/or lost revenue due to COVID-19 and new operating projects. Typically, Section 5310 funds are only available for transit vehicles, such as shuttles and minivans. The CFP was opened in December 2021, with notice given to previous and eligible applicants, and closed on January 26, 2022. The advertised amount of federal money available was \$300,000. Projects that were for reimbursable expenses or lost revenue did not require a local match; operating projects were required to match 50% of the federal amount.

DISCUSSION:

Three applicants applied for both reimbursement of expenses and lost revenue. No applications were received for new operating projects. A debrief with a potential applicant revealed that the new operating was an exciting prospect, but the requirement to demonstrate future support for the project, in addition to other ongoing demands at the organization, was a barrier for application.

After reviewing the applications, IPTC staff awarded approximately \$300,000 to the three organizations:

- \$165,000 to CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions, Inc./Way2Go Transportation for lost revenue.
- \$38,868 to PrimeLife Enrichment, Inc. for reimbursable expenses and lost revenue.
- \$95,574 to Tangram, Inc. for reimbursable expenses and lost revenue.

Award letters have been distributed. Grants will be distributed to the grantees once the grant agreements are signed. IPTC thanks the not-for-profit transportation providers in Central Indiana who provide critical mobility services to all individuals but particularly to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the report.

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