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State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 Awards

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (§ 5310) / Mobility Assistance Program:

Capital Awards
(consolidated list)

Applicant	Vehicles Awarded: Type (no.)
• Metrowest Regional Transit Authority	E (13), E2 (5), D (13)
• Worcester Regional Transit Authority	E (10), E2 (6)
• Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	E (12)
• Montachusett Regional Transit Authority	E2 (10)
• Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority	D (8)
• Southeastern Regional Transit Authority	E2 (5), D (3)
• South Shore Community Action Council	E2 (5)
• Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	E (8)
• Brockton Area Transit Authority	D (7)
• Lowell Regional Transit Authority	C (6)
• Franklin Regional Transit Authority	E2 (6), D (1)
• Human Resources Unlimited	E2 (7)
• SCM Community Transportation	E2 (6)
• Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority	E (6), E2 (5)
• Manchester Council on Aging	E (1), E2 (1)
• Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority	E2 (1)
• Abington Council on Aging	D (1)
• Lutheran Social Services, Inc.	E2 (1)
• Westport Council on Aging	E2 (1)
• Millville Council on Aging	E2 (1)
• Health Care Options, Inc.	E (1)
• Salem Council on Aging	E (1)
• Halifax Council on Aging	E (1)
• West Springfield Council on Aging	E (1)

Operating Awards

Applicant	Award	Year(s)
• South Shore Community Action Council	$208,748	SFY14

This will fund the expansion of weekday demand response service for disabled, elderly, handicapped, and low-income individuals in 54 cities and towns south of Boston. Destinations include area adult day health centers, day habilitation programs, as well as medical facilities such as Greater Boston hospitals and medical centers.

• SCM Community Transportation	$206,870	SFY14

These funds will be used to fortify and expand access to medical dial-a-ride and nutritional shopping services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities with SCM's 17- town catchment area.

Rural Intercity Bus Service (§ 5311 f)

Applicant	Award	Year(s)
• Plymouth & Brockton Street Railway Co.	$265,500	SFY14

This will fund the continuation of year round service on the Hyannis - Provincetown route, including additional round-trips during the summer months.

• Peter Pan Bus Lines Inc.	$160,000	SFY14

This will fund the launch of a new multi-component program to market multimodal services in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden, and Barnstable counties.

Job Access and Reverse Commute (§ 5316)

Applicant	Award	Year(s)
• Lowell Regional Transit Authority	$540,346	SFY14, SFY15

This will fund the continuation of weekday evening service until 9:00PM. This project will increase service to the towns of Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury, Wilmington and the City of Lowell and includes an expansion of hours for the Road Runner service.

• North Shore Career Center	$468,790	SFY14

This will fund the continuation of Mobility Management and Employment Xpress transportation services to meet the needs of low income persons in the North Shore area. In full operation since April 2011, Employment Xpress has been highly successful with increasing ridership each

month (10% on average) bringing customers to jobs in key employment areas within Beverly, Danvers, Lynn, Peabody and Salem.

- Metrowest Regional Transit Authority $400,000 SFY14, SFY15

  This will fund the implementation of reverse commute fixed route transit service in Wellesley. This service will connect to the MBTA's green line service at the Woodland T station and will act as a commuter pipeline, linking the two systems—MBTA and MWRTA—which also share interoperability through the joint use of the Charlie fare cards.

- Brockton Area Transit Authority $351,347 SFY14, SFY15

  This will fund the continuation of Sunday fixed route service in Brockton. Brockton Area Transit Authority will continue to provide seven hours of service with 154 bus trips per Sunday in BAT's core service area in the City of Brockton.

- Berkshire Regional Transit Authority $351,000 SFY14, SFY15, SFY16

  This will fund the reintroduction of fixed route and paratransit service along the Route 7 corridor between Williamstown, Lanesborough, and Pittsfield. Previously, BRTA serviced this corridor with an express bus service on a trial basis. This grant will ensure service for the next three years.

- Franklin Regional Transit Authority $249,452 SFY14, SFY15 (partial)

  This will fund the continuation of the FRTA Route 32 from Greenfield to Athol, formerly called the G-Link. This route provides transit access between Greenfield and the North Quabbin area and also connects with MART in Orange and Athol to provide access into Gardner and points east.

- Brockton Area Transit Authority $132,000 SFY14, SFY15, SFY16

  This will fund the continuation of Saturday Evening fixed route service from 6-9pm. This provides 81 bus trips per Saturday evening in Brockton. Although offered in Brockton, the service provides connectivity with the Commuter rail stations into Boston and out to Middleboro/Lakeville line, which in turn provide access to the communities of Holbrook, Randolph, Quincy, Bridgewater, Brockton, Middleboro and Boston.

- 128 Business Council $128,740 SFY14

  This will fund the continuation of Alewife-A3 shuttle service to Rt. 128 region. 128 Business Council's Alewife Shuttle service has provided transportation to employees in the Hayden Avenue and South Lexington area for nearly two decades, and has recently begun to serve residents in the North Waltham apartment complexes. These apartment complexes lack other service to Alewife Station.

- Town of Foxborough $30,720 SFY14

  This will fund a study to determine the need for and feasibility of transit service to and from jobs in Foxborough and to explore the need for reverse-commuting in Mansfield north of the commuter rail station. The Town of Foxborough, population 16,865, currently has no fixed route transit service. As an aging community and a net importer of jobs, including low-wage jobs, there is potential for transit to benefit those who work in town as well as transit-dependent residents.

- Town of Acton $16,000 SFY14

  This will fund a part-time Mobility Manager for Cross-Town Connect, which includes Acton, Boxborough, Concord, Littleton, Maynard, Stow and Westford. CrossTown Connect seeks to identify and address the unmet transportation needs for senior and handicapped populations, commuter and reverse commute populations, and general and special populations.

- Lowell Regional Transit Authority $4,244 SFY14

  This will fund the continuation of Lowell - Pheasant Lane Mall seasonal service. The inability of low-income workers to access job sites during the holiday season has been a concern for many community members. The Lowell Regional Transit Authority will continue to operate seasonal Saturday bus service between the Gallagher Intermodal Transportation Center in Lowell and the Pheasant Lane Mall in Nashua, New Hampshire during the holiday shopping / retail employment season (November – January).

<u>New Freedom (§ 5317)</u>

Applicant	Award	Year(s)
• Greater Lynn Senior Services	$430,737	SFY14, SFY15

This will fund the continuation of Reaching Beyond Borders Implementation - Phase 2. In Phase 1, key stakeholders from 19 member communities (Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Gloucester, Hamilton, Ipswich, Marblehead, Manchester, Middleton, Lynn, Lynnfield, Nahant, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, Wenham) identified transportation barriers and planned ways to coordinate information and share resources to expand mobility options for people with disabilities. Following the release of the formal strategic plan, in Phase 2 the RBB/CP will: 1) develop a representative Mobility Council that coordinates community level efforts; 2) finalize up to three strategies that include concrete plans of action, cost-benefit analyses, and proposed funding mechanisms to reduce mobility barriers and improve overall community livability on the North Shore; and 3) pilot of at least one of those strategies across multiple communities, fully documenting impact and ensuring full transferability and scalability.

- Greater Lynn Senior Services $386,445 SFY14, SFY15

  This will fund the continuation of the Mobility Links program. Reaching Beyond Borders: Mobility Links (RBB/ML) is a comprehensive regional mobility management program which

spans 19 communities and includes: 1) a Travel Counseling Call Center and Mobility Advisor Volunteers that help consumers identify, access, and effectively use mobility resources; 2) a web-based centralized mobility resource inventory, which catalogues available and existing mobility resources; and 3) Community pulse-points or kiosks where consumers can work with Staff and Advisors on trip planning.

- Executive Office of Health & Human Services $266,710 SFY14, SFY15

  This will fund the continuation of the EOHHS Mobility Management Information Network for an additional 18 months through June 30, 2015. This MassMobility project, run through the Human Service Transportation (HST) Office, fosters a collaborative network of engaged stakeholders from both the human services and transportation communities, through the use of community outreach, networking, information-sharing via an online information hub, technical assistance, and policy development for transportation coordination efforts statewide.

- University of Massachusetts Amherst $238,321 SFY14, SFY15

  This will fund the deployment and testing of a visually impaired navigation system at the MBTA Arlington Metro Station. UMass Amherst, in partnership with the MBTA will develop, deploy and test a prototype of an accurate and affordable navigation system for the visually impaired in subway stations.

- Berkshire Regional Transit Authority $112,320 SFY14, SFY15, SFY16

  This will fund the introduction of flex fixed route service to the towns of Alford, Egremont, Mt. Washington, and Sheffield. This service will provide access from these currently underserved communities to Great Barrington for medical or shopping trips or to communities north via the Route 21 & 2 buses.

- Metrowest Regional Transit Authority $106,003 SFY14

  This will fund the implementation of a peer to peer training program to assist transitioning MBTA Ride users onto fixed route service. MWRTA understands the financial savings that transitioning even one passenger will have to the agency, while understanding simultaneously that fixed route services provide the customer with greater flexibility.

- Mystic Valley Elder Services $80,000 SFY14

  This will fund the expansion of the MVES Trip program to the Metro-North region and implementation of a centralized dial-a-ride center. This two-pronged project will enhance mobility management and expand access to demand response transportation to older (60+) and disabled adults in the metro-north region of Greater Boston, specifically Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham and Wakefield.

- Old Colony Planning Council $73,200 SFY15, SFY16

  This will fund the continuation of the Volunteer Transportation Program (VTP) for senior citizens in the Old Colony region. This program provides mileage reimbursement (IRS approved rate) to volunteer drivers. The OCPC-AAA regularly sends out VTP guidelines to all COA's in the region encouraging them to consider participating.

- Town of Acton $44,000 SFY14
  This will fund the consolidation and expansion of dispatch services for Cross-Town Connect, a regionalized shared transportation system that includes Acton, Boxborough, Concord, Littleton, Maynard, Stow and Westford. Consolidating dispatch services for all accessible vans in the member communities will help eliminate redundancy and improve efficiency.

- Brockton Area Transit Authority $39,600 SFY14, SFY15, SFY16

  This will fund the continuation of Avon-Stoughton demand response service beyond ADA requirements. The towns served have a combined population of about 32,000.

Bus and Bus Facilities (§ 5339)

Applicant	Award	Year(s)

- Lowell Regional Transit Authority $540,175 SFY14

  This will fund the purchase and installation of Intelligent Transportation Systems in all 50 vehicles of LRTA fixed route service. The technology would include Mobile Data Computers and GPS tracking capabilities. The opportunity to provide ITS capability on its fleet will allow the LRTA to improve dispatch and operations of the bus fleet while enabling customers to know where and when buses will be arriving and departing.

- Southeastern Regional Transit Authority $500,000 SFY14

  This will fund the final phase of facility repairs to the New Bedford Terminal. This funding will allow SRTA to provide a more comfortable, accessible terminal and to maintain the same level of service, thus ensuring a safer and improved customer experience.

- Montachusett Regional Transit Authority $232,476 SFY14

  This will fund the replacement of five Type-E2 Fully Accessible Vehicles. With the average age of the van fleet increasing, these vans will allow MART to ensure that current service levels remain intact.

- Montachusett Regional Transit Authority $100,000 SFY14

  This will fund a roof replacement and water leak fix for the MART Operations Center at 1427R Water Street. MART has to replace the 15-year-old roof top Air Handling Unit, which has been identified as the cause, with a new, more energy efficient and weather-tight model.