



NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 5310, notice is hereby given that, a public hearing will be held on the Program of Projects (POP) to be funded from the Brownsville, full apportionment for Fiscal Year 2018. The public hearing will be held during the Brownsville City Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the City Commission Chambers located on the 2nd floor at 1001 E. Elizabeth St., Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas.

Brownsville Metro administers the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Fiscal Year 2018 Section 5310 Grant Program for the Brownsville Urbanized Zone Area. The goal of the program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the country, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.

Brownsville Metro is now accepting applications from organizations (State or local governmental authority, a private non-profit organization, or an operator of public transportation that receives a Section 5310 grant indirectly through a recipient) who wish to apply for grant funds for capital and operating expenses for approved projects. A list of approved projects, when made available and application can be found at <http://bmetro.cob.us>.

It is a competitive grant process. If an application is selected and FTA approves the grant; afterwards, the successful applicant will enter into an agreement with Brownsville Metro. Please review all contents of the Section 5310 website at <http://bmetro.cob.us>.

If no grant(s) application(s) are received or if there are no successful applicant(s), then the following draft of Brownsville Metro’s 5310 expenditures shall apply and Brownsville Metro self-certifies that they can successfully meet and exceed the requirements of the 5310 Grant Program.

In the event Brownsville Metro self-certifies, the proposed draft expenditures shall become the final notice for expenditures under the Fiscal Year 2018 5310 Grant program.

Fiscal Year 2018 5310 Allocated Federal Amount: \$ 168,329

Brownsville Metro Grant Program Proposal:

| Project Description | Federal Portion | Local Portion | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Capital Item: | | | |
| Rolling Stock | | | |
| Acquire < 30 FT Bus | \$ 168,329 (80%) | \$ 29,705 (20%) | \$ 198,034 |
| Total Project Cost | \$ 168,329 | \$ 29,705 | \$ 198,034 |

For those agencies that cannot access the internet; please, request an application or submit comments by writing to the address below:

Brownsville Metro
755 International Blvd., 2nd Floor
Brownsville, TX 78520
Attn: Norma Zamora, Director

Interested organizations may also request an application by telephone by calling (956) 541-4881 or email at normaz@cob.us

C. INTERESTED PARTIES, PARTICIPATION, AND CONSULTATION STATEMENT

Citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed POP. At the hearing, the City of Brownsville will afford an opportunity for interested parties to be heard with respect to these projects. Interested parties may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations concerning these projects. The City will consider any such comments and views, and if deemed appropriate will modify the proposed POP accordingly. If the City does not receive comments opposing to the proposed POP before or during the public hearing scheduled for August 7, 2018, it will be approved as the final POP. Copies of the POP and associated grant application are currently available for public inspection at: La Plaza at Brownsville, 755 International Blvd., Brownsville, Texas 78520. For more information you may also call 956-541-4881 or send e-mail to <http://bmetro.cob.us>

