Tompkins County Public Notice

2022-2023 Federal Transit Application (Section 5311 Rural Formula Program)

Tompkins County is applying for federal financial assistance for Gadabout Transportation Services, Inc. (Gadabout), Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Inc. (TCAT), Ithaca Dispatch, Inc., and the County, to provide public transportation service: rural fixed-route bus service, demand-responsive service, wheelchair-accessible shared-ride taxi service, and mobility management, for 2022-2023 in Tompkins County and by working cooperatively with Chemung, Schuyler, Cortland, Tioga and other counties.

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| **5311 Projects** | **Federal** | **State** | **Local** | **Total** |
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|  TCAT Transit Facility Rehabilitation  |  $835,337  |  $104,417  |  $104,417  |  $1,044,171  |
|  TCAT Facility Architecture & Engineering for rehabilitation of the TCAT Facility  |  $84,400  |  $10,550  |  $10,550  |  $105,500  |
|  Purchase (3) Replacement Buses - Gadabout  |  $324,000  |  $41,500  |  $41,500  |  $405,000  |
|  Replace computers & related equipment - Gadabout |  $8,000  |  $1,000  |  $1,000  |  $10,000  |
|  Purchase (2) used wheelchair accessible taxis for shared-ride service – Ithaca Dispatch, Inc.  |  $80,000  |  $10,000  |  $10,000  |  $100,000  |
| Way2Go & MoveTogetherNY Community Mobility Education - 2022 & 2023 – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County |  $657,241  |  $82,155  |  $82,155  |  $821,551  |
| Appalachian Development - Mobility Management 2022-2023 – Tompkins County | $24,336 | $3,042 | $3,042 | $30,420 |
| SUBTOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS |  $2,013,314  |  $252,664  |  $252,664  |  $2,516,642  |
| TCAT OPERATING ASSISTANCECRRSAA, ARPA and Sec 5311 funds  |  $1,176,500  |  $1,176,500  |  $ -  |  $2,353,000  |
| TOTAL |  $3,189,814  |  $1,429,164  |  $252,664  |  $4,869,642  |

Tompkins County’s request for federal assistance includes the following details:

1. The transportation service will be available to the general public during all hours of operation.
2. The projects are expected to be financed by FTA Section 5311 Rural Program public transportation funds, with additional funds to be provided from New York State transit operating assistance and capital match.
3. Local funding will be provided by TCAT, Inc, Gadabout, Inc. Ithaca Dispatch, Inc. and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, and Tompkins County.
4. The total federal share for operating and capital projects is expected to be $ 3,165,478.

Comments on the proposed project are invited from the general public, private bus and taxi companies, other public transportation providers and human service agencies. Interested parties may comment on the project or obtain more details about the project by writing to:

Dwight Mengel, Chief Transportation Planner

Tompkins County Dept. of Social Services

320 W. Martin Luther King Jr./ State Street

Ithaca, NY 14850

607-274-5605, 607-274-5666 (fax)

Email: Dwight.Mengel@dfa.state.ny.us

Human service agencies that receive assistance from other Federal agencies for non-emergency transportation services are encouraged to participate and coordinate with the provider in the planning, design and delivery of transportation services. Agencies may obtain copies of the service description and submit proposals for service coordination. Private bus and taxi operators may request copies of the project service description from the above person and may submit comments on the service as described.

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the proposed project, submit a proposal, a request for service coordination, or request a public hearing on this project, you must make your interest known in writing within fifteen calendar days of the date of this publication and provide your comments within fifteen calendar days of your receipt of the project service description. Your requests or comments must be forwarded to the above person.