

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STF and STIF Grant Review
MARCH 25, 2021
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Bonnie Thiel, Joe Hayes, Ashley Dixon, Dave Sanders, Mark Estes

Baker County Staff: Commissioner Harvey, Doni Bruland, Grants Administrator

Public: None

Doni started the meeting 3:05 p.m.

Each applicant had the opportunity to present their projects and answer questions from the Transportation Commission as well as Commissioner Harvey.

Special Transportation Funds (STF)

This application will be presented the same as it has been for years. It allots \$4,000, the maximum allowable, to Baker County for Administration, \$28,500 to Step Forward Activities, Inc. to transport their clients and staff to medical and other living experience appointments and \$102,900 to Community Connection of NE Oregon, Inc. to continue their services to their clients.

Mark made the motion to recommend biennial allocations for Baker County to receive \$4,000, Step Forward to receive \$28,500, and CCNO to receive \$102,500. Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Funds (STIF)

There were (14) projects presented by the applicants. After serious discussions, questions, and answers, (3) of the projects were removed from consideration: Vanpool Development, Vanpool Implementation, and a CAT D Bus. One project, Extended Hours, had its budget reduced by Joe to reflect the actual amount of use. The Transit District Development and Implementation were combined into a single project. The following is the ranked list for the STIF Projects.

- 1) Grant Administration – Baker County
- 2) Transit Manager – CCNO
- 3) Coordinated Transportation Plan – Baker County
- 4) Reduced Fares – CCNO
- 5) Workforce on Demand – Elkhorn Taxi
- 6) Transit District Development and Implementation – Baker County
- 7) Building Expansion – CCNO
- 8) Demand/Response – CCNO
- 9) Expansion of Hours – CCNO
- 10) Student Passes – CCNO

Bonnie made the motion to recommend the ranking of the STIF projects to the Baker County Commissioners. Mark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The group then discussed the potential for an ADA vehicle to be available to both CCNO and Elkhorn Taxi. The idea was met favorably as it serves the needs that are missing – CCNO when they need an ADA vehicle and Elkhorn Taxi when they need an ADA vehicle and CCNO is not running. The details to this future project will be developed with help from ODOT, and presented to the Baker County Commission at a future date.

The next meeting will be determined at a later date, most likely after the beginning of the new FY.

Minutes taken and submitted by Doni Bruland, Grants Administrator

DRAFT