

## Award Recommendations – Round 2

### Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program

### VW Mitigation Program

September 9, 2020

#### Background

2017 Wisconsin Act 59 established the Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program to competitively award up to \$32 million to eligible applicants to replace eligible public transit vehicles. All \$32 million in available funds have been obligated to ten (10) grantees for the replacement of 58 eligible transit buses. 2019 Wisconsin Act 9 authorized a second round of Transit Capital Assistance Grants. The program will fund the replacement of 1992-2009 engine model year class 4-8 transit buses with any new diesel or alternate fueled or all-electric vehicle. The Grant Announcement for round 2 of funding issued January 15, 2020 provided the following Method of Award governing allocation of funds:

**Method of Award.** The State will compile the final scores for each application (see section 3.3). The State intends to award to one or more applicants for the resulting grant agreement(s). Awards will be based upon the highest scoring responsive and responsible applicant(s). (*Source: Grant Announcement, p. 10*)

#### Process

1. **Eligibility.** The program received eight (8) proposals, each of which were reviewed for compliance with the grant announcement.
  - No proposals were disqualified due to ineligibility of the applicant.
  - A desk review of proposals determined all bus replacement projects to be conditionally and preliminarily consistent with eligibility criteria of the State Trust Agreement and Transit Capital Assistance Grant Program.
2. **Scoring.** Three evaluators independently scored each of the responsive and responsible applications on a 100-point scale. Points were awarded in the following categories:

Current Use of Transit Buses	20
Future Use of Transit Buses	25
Transportation to Employment	30
NOx Reduction	15
Project Timeline	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	100

3. **Applicant Scores.** Evaluator scores for each proposal were totaled and averaged, resulting in the following average applicant scores:

Applicant	Score
Madison	96.33
Eau Claire	86.67
Racine	86.00
Sheboygan	75.00
Wausau	72.67
Green Bay	63.00
La Crosse	60.00
Beloit	56.33

4. **Recommended Grant Awards.** Final award amounts were determined by (1) adding the applicant's project budget and (2) adding a \$1,500 allowance for the cost of scrapping each replaced bus. The total request for all bus replacement requests and scrapping allowance is \$18,190,934.60. DOA preliminarily set the Round 2 award budget at \$20,000,000. Therefore, no reduction in requested amounts was required.

Applicant	Bus Replacement Request	Replacement Cost Request	EV Charging Infrastructure Request	Scrapping Allowance (\$1,500 per bus)	Total Recommended Grant Award
Madison	15	\$7,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,500.00	\$7,522,500.00
Eau Claire	1	\$681,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$683,200.00
Racine	2	\$1,902,840.00	\$188,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,094,640.00
Sheboygan	6	\$2,760,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$2,769,000.00
Wausau	3	\$1,268,493.60	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,272,993.60
Green Bay	4	\$1,920,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,926,000.00
La Crosse	2	\$1,370,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,373,000.00
Beloit	1	\$548,101.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$549,601.00
	34	\$17,951,134.60	\$188,800.00	\$51,000.00	\$18,190,934.60