



Central Ohio
Rural Planning
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Memorandum

TO: Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization

FROM: Mary Turner, CORPO Senior Planner

DATE: May 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 3-24 “Adopting CORPO-Dedicated Funds Commitments”

Proposed Resolution 3-24 completes the process of soliciting, evaluating, and recommending requests for the second application round of CORPO-dedicated transportation funding for SFY 2024 and 2025. Attachment 1 to the proposed resolution is a list of commitments for the second application round of CORPO-dedicated funding for SFY 2024 and 2025.

In 2023 CORPO received an allocation of just under \$2 million of federal transportation funds for use in Central Ohio. CORPO-dedicated funds come from one federal program, the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). CORPO adopted its policies for allocating and managing CORPO-dedicated funds and solicited and received applications for these funds during the summer of 2023. Only three applications were received, and the total request was around \$1.1 million. In November 2023 the CORPO Committee awarded the three projects at their full asks and elected to open an additional solicitation round for the remaining funds in SFY 2024 and 2025.

CORPO re-adopted its policies for allocating and managing CORPO-dedicated funds by the passage of Resolution 6-23. CORPO staff solicited and received applications for the remaining around \$1.1 million in funds during the winter of 2024. Over the past couple months, the CORPO Funds Selection Committee and staff members evaluated the applications to make funding recommendations.

The funding recommendations were made available for public review and comment from March 20, 2024, through April 19, 2024. CORPO received two comments in relation to the Village of Gambier, Gambier Trail Project; one comment suggested funds should be used instead for other trail enhancements and the other comment requested more information and wondered if funds could be spent on traffic safety education.

As shown in Attachment 1 of Resolution 3-24, Resolution 3-24 commits \$1,078,888.28 in CORPO-dedicated federal funding for SFY 2024 and 2025. There is an amount of \$13,081.86 in the SFY 2024-2025 round of CORPO Dedicated Funds to remain in the balance of uncommitted funds available for future solicitation rounds. If any of the awarded funds are returned or unable to be utilized, the funds will be returned to the balance for future solicitation rounds per the Policies for Managing CORPO Dedicated Funds.