

ATTACHMENT A

Visionary Seed Fund Competitive Grant Program Award Recommendations

Applicant	Project Name	Evaluation Score	Funding Request	Award Recommendation
City of Torrance	Connect Torrance	77.9	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<p>Microtransit service that delivers first-last mile connections to Old Town Torrance, Giordano Transit Center, and El Camino College, as well as citywide service for targeted populations (e.g. Seniors and Dial-A-Ride Program participants). The project would deploy seven fully electric shuttles, three of which are wheelchair accessible. Torrance will operate wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVs) at an equivalent level of service as non-WAV. The service is designed to support community anchors as well as regional Torrance Transit bus lines that connect to surrounding cities. Torrance Transit estimates that the service will result in approximately 36,500 unlinked passenger trips for local travel and 33,500 first-last-mile trips in connection with the Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center. Torrance fixed-route service carried approximately two million riders in 2022, which was approximately 60% of pre-pandemic levels. The proposed service area is comprised of several SB 535 Disadvantage Communities and connecting bus routes serve 15% of Metro’s Equity Focused Communities (EFCs). Staff recommend awarding the project a full award of \$1,000,000.</p>				
City of West Covina	West Covina On-Demand	70.0	\$659,090	\$659,090
<p>Microtransit service to supplement city shuttle service as well as provide a first-last mile connection to Metrolink. The project would deploy five shuttles, one of which is wheelchair accessible. The project seeks to further address equity by increasing access to employment opportunities as well as accessibility for residents who do not own a car or who choose to drive. West Covina fixed-route ridership in FY21 was 19% of FY16 and 30% of FY19. The applicant seeks to use Microtransit to foster community connections. West Covina estimates the service will generate 1,470 rides per week (6,000 rides per month). If successful, the City anticipates the service will surpass current annual fixed-route ridership. Nearly one-third of the proposed service area is considered an SB 535 Disadvantaged Community. Staff recommend awarding the project a full award of \$659,090.</p>				
LA Metro	Transit Entrepreneurship Arts Mobility & Safety Uplift Network (TEAMSUN)	68.5	\$900,000	\$900,000
<p>A multi-pronged approach to station intervention at Westlake / MacArthur Park, Leimert Park, and Willowbrook / Rosa Parks Stations. The application proposes to increase transit ridership by fostering a people-connected transit system that strengthens the local economy through cultural tourism, micro-entrepreneurism, and support for local small businesses. The evaluation committee requested clarifications on the scope and project partner roles and responsibilities. Given Metro TEAMSUN’s compliance with this request, staff recommend awarding the project a full award of \$900,000.</p>				
LA Metro	Metro Call Point (MCP)	66.2	\$1,800,000	\$0
<p>Call point units to replace P-TELS, E-TELS, and G-TELS. Staff do not recommend awarding funds to the project.</p>				