



Access for All Grant Program FY 2024 Award Recommendation

Planning and Programming Committee
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Metro

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Program Overview

- SB 1376 (2018) directed CPUC to establish a program to increase on-demand WAV availability
- A \$0.10 Access Fee is collected on each TNC ride
- Local Access Fund Administrators (LAFA) distribute funds through annual competitive solicitations
- Access Providers selected through a competitive process provide WAV service
- Metro Board of Directors authorized Metro to serve as the Los Angeles County LAFA (2021)

Funding Year (Six Cycles)	Collection Source (Calendar Year)	Funding Available (Los Angeles County)
2021	Q3 2019 – Q2 2020	\$5,634,699
2022	Q3 2020 – Q2 2021	\$2,231,134
2023	Q3 2021 – Q2 2022	\$1,584,814
2024	Q3 2022 – Q2 2023	TBD
2025	Q3 2023 – Q2 2024	TBD
2026	Q3 2024 – Q2 2025	TBD

- First two years of funding awarded following competitive solicitation in FY 2023, current funding award recommendation is year three, with three more years of funding ahead

FY 2024 Solicitation

- \$1,584,814 available for eligible projects, including 5% set aside for TAC appeals (\$79,240)
- Metro released a competitive solicitation for project proposals on March 5, 2024
- Two eligible proposals received by the April 2, 2024 deadline

Eligible Proposals			
Rank	Proposer	Project Description	Funding Requested
1	Buterfli Technologies	Operating funds to provide WAV assisted transportation services	\$1,600,000
2	City of Glendora	Capital purchase of two WAVs and on-demand software.	\$582,000

Award Recommendation

- Preliminary funding recommendation on May 6, 2024, of the first-ranked project funded up to 95% cap.
- On June 5, 2024, TAC approved a motion recommending that the set aside be awarded to the first-ranked project
- Recommend awarding \$1,584,814 to ButterFLi Technologies, Inc.
- ButterFLi Technologies, Inc. is a current Access Provider, this award will allow for a seamless continuation of on-demand WAV service

Next Steps

- Execute Funding Agreement with ButterFLi Technologies, Inc.
- Monitor project implementation
- Continue quarterly data collection and reporting to the CPUC
- Conduct solicitations in the future for the remaining funding years