

AGENCY PROCUREMENT: NOACA'S – POTENTIAL BUILD BACK BETTER REGIONAL CHALLENGE GRANT

Finance and Audit Committee

November 12, 2021



INTRODUCTION

\$1 billion is allocated to the Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC).

NOACA assembled a coalition and identified additional partners to submit a Phase I project application:

The Greater Cleveland Careers and Accessibility to Realize Equity and Sustainability (CARES)

Goal to improve economic opportunities and ultimately health outcomes for residents across the five-county region by capitalizing on its world-class health care providers, research institutions, and education providers.

ACTION REQUESTED

Possible future action. Contingent upon successful award of USED A BBBRC Phase one funding

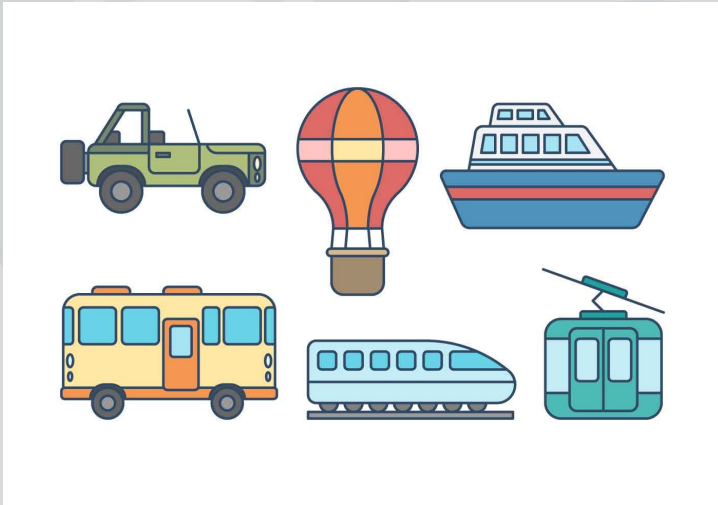
A recommendation of selection of a consultant to assist staff with potential (BBBRC) grant tasks will be presented for action to the Board of Directors at its December 10, 2021 meeting.

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action

BACKGROUND

- From a transportation perspective, NOACA would support health care by better moving people to jobs and job training.
- Connect educational institutions that have healthcare programs to hospitals and medical facilities.
- “Connections” in both the literal sense of infrastructure and figuratively to increase the capacity and partnerships of these institutions



BACKGROUND

The program is being implemented in two phases:

- **Phase 1:** 50-60 regional coalitions of partnering entities will be awarded \$500,000 in technical assistance funds to develop and support three to eight projects to grow a regional growth cluster. Application was due October 19th, 2021.
- **Phase 2:** Of the Phase I selections, EDA will award 20-30 regional coalitions \$25 million to \$75 million, and up to \$100 million, to implement those projects. Application due March 15th, 2022.

BACKGROUND

In the Phase I application, NOACA committed to utilizing the \$500,000 technical assistance award toward to achieve the following deliverables:

1. Staffing of a Regional Economic Competitiveness officer
2. Development of conceptual studies
3. Development of a robust public participation plan
4. Development of a US EDA BBBRC Phase II application to compete for the \$25-\$75 million toward implementation of the submitted coalition projects, prior to the March 15th deadline.



BACKGROUND

NOACA proposed in the application that tasks 2-4 be performed utilizing the services off a qualified consultant.

In order to meet the compressed timeframe between the Phase I award announcement in December 2021 and the March 15th Phase II application deadline:

- Staff are recommending an expedited process for Board of Directors approval.



BACKGROUND

Staff recommends:



- Following NOACA's procurement policy, NOACA will issue a RFP the week of November 8th, 2021, with proposals due the week of November 29th, 2021.
- The recommended consultant selection and a not to exceed contract amount will be presented to the full Board of Directors for approval at its December 10, 2021 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Should NOACA receive a Phase I award it would allocate \$500,000 for staff and consultant activities proposed under this item.



NEXT STEPS

Pending successful BBBRC Phase I funding award and Board approval, NOACA will enter into a contract with the selected consultant to assist with staff with the Greater Cleveland CARES project.

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NOACA: Planning For Greater Cleveland

NOACA will **STRENGTHEN** regional cohesion, **PRESERVE** existing infrastructure, and **BUILD** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **SUPPORT** economic development and **ENHANCE** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

