

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Item 6b
FDDC Grant Update

Objective:

To update the committee on the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council grant and service.

Considerations:

On August 6, 2020, Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement (PTNE) staff received an invitation from Florida Developmental Disabilities Council (FDDC) to take part in a 12-month pilot grant transportation voucher project for \$150,000. Funding is originated from the Department of Health and Human Services and passed thru to the FDDC. The project is designed to provide increased transportation options for residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is the intent of this project to meet those transportation needs that are currently not being met through Collier Area Transit's (CAT) paratransit system.

The proposed voucher project in Collier County is expected to serve all 3,260 passengers actively using the County's ADA paratransit system and is projected to provide an additional 8,125 annual trips. The existing paratransit system provides approximately 79,000 annual trips. With the implementation of the voucher program, an increase of 10.3% in the annual trip volume is expected.

Staff is working on completing the agreement with Uber Technologies, Inc. (Uber) to provide users with increased accessibility to life-sustaining and quality of life activities under a same-day demand response platform that includes ADA accessible vehicles. Uber will provide a safe and convenient on-demand shared rides service to supplement the CAT paratransit system. Passengers will pay a minimum of \$4 fare for the trip. The grant will support a per-trip cost up to \$16. If the cost of the trip is over \$20, passengers will be responsible for paying that amount in addition to the \$4 fare previously described. As an example, a trip costing \$27.50 would result in the grant paying \$16 and the passenger paying \$11.50 (\$4 + \$7.50). The service will be available from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. seven (7) days a week. Eligible passengers will be able to access the service through a mobile app. The voucher pilot program will run through September 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is information only. No approval required.

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