



## Executive Board

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### *Meeting Minutes*

Monday, July 29, 2019, 10am

**Present** | Bill Siedhoff, Cynthia Crim, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel, Chauncey 'Skip' Batchelor

**Other Attendees** | Jamie Opsal, Stephanie Herbers

#### **Welcome** (*Bill Siedhoff*)

Meeting called to consider a time sensitive request for match funds to the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging (SLAAA). SLAAA was notified by the Missouri Department of Transportation that there may be additional funds available for FY20 from the Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program (MEHTAP).

To receive MEHTAP funds, organizations are required to provide a match. SLAAA could use the additional funding but does not have the money to provide the match. They requested a one-year match from the Senior Fund up to \$78,000 to be able to draw down additional funding from the MEHTAP program.

If received, they would use the funds to increase the reimbursement rate to senior centers for their transportation services. This increase would bring their rate closer to the actual costs for the senior centers; currently senior centers try to make up the difference with client contributions, grants, and other donations. SLAAA would also use the additional funding to reduce the costs of bus passes for older residents.

#### **Comments**

Previously the Fund had budgeted money for minor matching requests (i.e., less than \$5,000); this would be much higher than initially planned. However, this request aligns with needs identified by residents and service providers, leverages other dollars that would otherwise not be allocated to the City, and expands or improves services for City residents.

*Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to approve a one-year match of up to \$78,000 for St. Louis Area Agency on Aging for the purposes stated, Cynthia Crim seconded; Board unanimously approved.*

*Next Steps* > Jamie Opsal will follow-up with SLAAA. Board members requested that Senior Fund staff document a clear process for organizations who would like to request match funds moving forward that can be publicly shared.

*Meeting Adjourned 10:30am.*

*Next Meeting:* August 22, 10am, Missouri Foundation for Health.

*Notetaker: Stephanie Herbers*