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FOCUS AREA: Collaboration

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:

SUBJECT: **PURCHASE AGREEMENT APPROVAL** between the City of Douglas and Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (**SEAGO**) FTA Access & Mobility Grant for the **COCHISE CONNECTION**.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Douglas and SEAGO are seeking to enter into a five-month purchase agreement for the purchase of vouchers for use on buses operated by the Cochise Connection in the City's Transit Department. Each voucher will be for a one-way trip.

BACKGROUND:

SEAGO received funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Access & Mobility Grant for the purpose of providing Douglas residents vouchers for rides (free of charge to the rider) on the Cochise Connection. (Douglas-Bisbee-Sierra Vista route).

DISCUSSION:

SEAGO will initially purchase 1,000 vouchers from the City of Douglas, with the option to purchase up to 1,000 additional vouchers by September 30, 2023. The vouchers will have an expiration date of April 30, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Douglas agrees to bill SEAGO for all vouchers issued within 30 days of delivery of the vouchers by SEAGO. The total value of each voucher will be \$3.00 per trip, with the City's match being 25% per voucher; total cost billed per voucher will be \$2.25, for up to 1,000 vouchers initially with option to purchase up to 1,000 more.

The authorization of the purchase agreement will bring in up to \$4,500 in unanticipated revenue for the Cochise Connection.

Fiscal Year: 2022/2023

Amount Requested: N/A

Budgeted: N/A

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SEAGO FOR THE VOUCHER PURCHASES.”