

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 21-25

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: April 22, 2021

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN LETTER OF INTEREST WITH THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA VETERANS ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION TO SERVE THE REAL-TIME MOBILITY NEEDS OF VETERANS

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission was involved in coordinating a regional response to the 2005 Base Re-Alignment and Closure (BRAC) and identified transportation congestion as a major issue.

WHEREAS, NVRC has been working with the Military on Section 331 (codified in 10 USC 2336) of FY13 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which allows for expanded partnerships;

WHEREAS, this concept of mobility gaps for Veterans was identified during the Community, Military, and Federal Facility Partnership Meeting in July 2019 as to how to address this transportation gap in the region;

WHEREAS, upon further review, it was found there were over 60 transportation nonprofits/companies/programs in NoVA, but multiple factors that exclude veterans from using the services;

WHEREAS, Veterans face a crisis of health care and employment access. Such as failing health, apathy from failed attempts to make appointments, frustration, depression, anxiety, and suicide. These needs can be alleviated through mobility services that provide responsive, reliable and safe rides to and from the hospital/clinic and necessary transportation support;

WHEREAS, this program may alleviate the gaps in Health Care Services for Veterans in that Hospitals/clinics, PT/OT offices, pharmacies and nursing homes who lose significant amounts of money due to missed appointments, patients lacking transport, and gaps in patient follow up care and hospital bed turnover rates;

WHEREAS, NVRC has an MOU with each of the bases in Northern Virginia to provide Transportation Demand Management services with the bases (Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall, Fort Belvoir, and Marine Corps Base Quantico) to provide education and marketing on the available benefits;

WHEREAS, The VetsDriveVets Demo will seek to alleviate a diverse range of social issues impacting underserved and marginalized veterans and solve these issues through mobility services; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission agrees to allow the Executive Director to sign this Letter of Intent with George Washington University to address this transportation gap in Northern Virginia.



CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on April 22, 2021.



ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER