



5310 Call for Projects

Webinar

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5310 Call for Projects - Overview

- The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program (Section 5310), administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- 5310 funding supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to address the specific needs of older adults and people with disabilities.
- The RTA is the designated recipient of Section 5310 funds apportioned by FTA to the Detroit and Ann Arbor urbanized areas (UZAs).
- As the designated recipient, the RTA is responsible for administering Section 5310 funds.
- Two-year call for projects will be for FY 2023 and FY 2024
- The 5310 funds are competitive and local providers will need to submit grant requests and go through a selection process

5310 Local Guiding Documents

- Federally-mandated Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP) completed in 2021
 - CHSTP is required to qualify for 5310 funding.
 - Develops strategies to improve transportation for the target population
- Program Management Plan
 - Federally-mandated, locally-developed plan describing the 5310 project selection and ongoing management process
 - Aligns project selection with regional goals and strategies

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Eligible Projects

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.);
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation

Typical Recipient and Projects

- Typical Recipient – Local Government or Non-Profit that currently operates a community-level service that is over and above standard ADA complementary service
- Typical Projects - Vehicle Replacement, Continuing Operations, Software and Hardware Upgrades, Mobility Management
 - Vehicle and service expansion is eligible, but can be difficult to cover with existing funding
 - Mobility Management will be closely scrutinized this round; must include services beyond existing customers and be broadly available to the public

Previously Funded Projects

Ann Arbor UZA \$582,950	Detroit UZA \$8,932,951
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 projects • 6 recipients; examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish Family Services • PEAC • People’s Express • Project types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing operations (30%) • Scheduling software upgrades (30%) • Expanded operations (30%) • Mobility management (10%)* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 projects • 42 recipients: examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richmond-Lenox EMS • WOTA • NOTA • AAA1-B • Livonia • Project types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle replacement (50%) • Continuing operations (40%) • Mobility management (10%)*

* Includes ongoing funding for MyRide2 regional mobility management.

Regional Call for Projects - Schedule

- March 1, 2023 - Call for Projects Released
- March 16, 2023 – Webinar #1
- March 17, 2023 – Webinar #2
- April 7, 2023- Applications Due
- May 18, 2023 – Final Program Approved (RTA Board)

5310 Funding Amounts

Funding	Ann Arbor	Detroit
FY 2022 5310 (carryover)	\$93,997	\$1,553,735
FY 2023 5310	\$359,609	\$5,429,025
FY 2024 5310	\$359,609	\$5,429,025
TOTAL	\$813,215	\$12,411,785

Administrative funding – RTA intends on programming funding from FY2023 and FY2024 to support its 5310 administration and an update to the CHSTP.

5310 Application Process

- Applications will be screening for eligibility and compliance
- One application per agency (can apply for multiple project types within one application)
- Projects must be grouped and awarded according to FTA guidelines (Traditional **or** Non-Traditional 5310 projects)
- Scoring Committee comprised of providers, CAC members, MDOT and others will review and score applications
- Areas of interest
 - Regional coordination
 - Equity
 - Integrating recent funding increases

5310 Funding Screening

- **No supplanting funds!!**
- Funding **MUST** remain in UZAs (Ann Arbor and Detroit); regional scale projects can come from both
- Subrecipient must have a sponsor
- 55% for Traditional projects
 - Bus and van replacement, vehicle enhancements for ADA
 - Mobility management programs
 - Contracted transportation services
- 45% for Non-Traditional projects
 - Travel training
 - Capital projects
 - New operations or operational upgrades (e.g. service expansion)

Scoring Criteria

Criteria	Brief Description	Points
Need and Benefit	Extent to which the project eliminates transportation barriers or improves mobility for older adults and people with disabilities	45
Coordination and Partnership	Extent to which the project utilizes or coordinates with existing public transportation providers or non-profit organizations, or other partner agencies	20
Project Readiness	Experience the applicant has executing the type of transportation project listed in the application	35
Highly Competitive Project (extra)	Application addresses multiple needs, strategies, or solutions identified in the regional CHSTP	10

Need and Benefit

- Consistency with and support for needs, strategies, and solutions identified in the regional Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (CHSTP)
- Extent to which the project eliminates transportation barriers or improves mobility for older adults and people with disabilities
- Extent to which the project provides additional benefits or addresses the needs of target groups
- Vehicle useful life exceeded in miles and years (current thresholds are provided on the vehicle inventory table)
- Vehicle useful life greatly exceeds the threshold (current thresholds are provided on the vehicle inventory table)
- Amount of unspent 5310 funds greater than two years old
- Utilization of existing 5310 services (ridership, vehicle miles, or hours)

Coordination and Partnership

- Extent to which the project utilizes or coordinates with existing public transportation providers or non-profit organizations, or other partner agencies
- Extent to which the applicant's current vehicles or services are used to provide coordinated services and/or shared with another agency's clients
- Extent to which the project contributes to the development of coordinated transportation services in the region
- Extent of local support (for example, the role of local organizations in the proposed project, letters of support, results of public outreach, overmatch of local share)

Project Readiness

- **For sub-recipients: A letter of commitment from a direct recipient that states that they will act as a pass-thru for federal funds. Direct recipients are AAATA, DDOT, DTC, RTA, and SMART.**
- Reasonableness and completeness of the applicant's financial plan
- Project sustainability beyond the grant period
- Reasonableness and completeness of the project implementation plan and schedule
- Experience the applicant has to execute the type of transportation project listed in the application
- Demonstration of the applicant's technical capacity
- Number of years the agency has provided transportation services
- Number of projects the agency has carried out that are similar to the project listed

Highly Competitive Project

- Joint application submitted by more than one sub-recipient
- Vehicle sharing between organizations
- Purchase of service from an existing sub-recipient
- New or innovative program or service
- Application addresses multiple needs, strategies, or solutions identified in the regional CHSTP

Questions?

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