

FTA Section 5310

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

PROGRAM FACT SHEET AND TIMELINE

Program Purpose

The purpose of the program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the State by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available to seniors and individuals with disabilities.

New Program

On June 6, 2014, the FTA C 9070.1G circular was finalized, incorporating the project types of the repealed New Freedom program into the Section 5310 Program. The 5310 vehicle projects are now called Traditional 5310 projects and the former New Freedom projects are called Expanded 5310 Projects. For this call for projects, only traditional vehicle projects are eligible for funding.

Eligible Applicants

- Private non-profit organizations located in rural areas and in urban areas with less than 200,000 in population based on the 2010 Census.
- Public agencies that certify to the Governor that no private nonprofit corporations or associations are readily available to provide the proposed service
- Public agencies that have been approved by the State to coordinate transportation services for elderly and people with disabilities
- Small urban transit providers
- Current subrecipients of FTA 5311 program funds

Eligible Projects

Only 5310 Capital projects will be eligible for funding. Capital projects consist of **replacement vehicles** and **expansion vehicles**. All 5310 funded vehicles must be ordered from a predetermined vehicle menu. Applicants will be required to prioritize their vehicle requests. All vehicles must be ADA accessible unless the applicant can demonstrate through TDOT's certification process that specific standards for providing equivalent service are being met.

All eligible projects must be identified in a locally developed coordinated transportation plan. Projects in urbanized areas must be identified in the areas Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Funding Selection Process

Step 1: TDOT evaluates applications for basic eligibility and compliance with FTA requirements as well as rates the applicant's funding need based on several factors including fleet status, number and type

of persons served, financial management and capacity, current 5310 funds, as well as past practice and reporting history.

Step 2: TDOT notifies applicants of their award status and requires selected applicants to submit certifications and assurances to finalize their application process. Upon submittal, TDOT requests successful applicants to officially accept the award, terms and conditions, and local match requirements. Note all 5310 program vehicles are purchases by TDOT using a State procurement process. At time of contract execution, subrecipients are required to provide their local match to TDOT.

The application process is competitive and program funding is limited; therefore, not all applications will be approved and funded.

Match Requirements

Capital – 80% Federal, 10% State, 10% Local

Program Requirements

Successful applicants will enter into a standard contract agreement with TDOT and provide the local match at time of contract execution. If the grantee declines to accept the award after entering into a contract with TDOT, then TDOT will require official notice and justification for declining the award. In addition, TDOT may retain the grantee’s local matching funds.

Grantees are responsible for the proper use, operating costs, and maintenance of all project equipment. Grantees must be prepared to comply with the conditions and requirements of TDOT including: submitting annual documentation of service provisions and plans as well as regularly submitting data and information to measure program performance.

Funds Available

- Urbanized Areas (50,000 – 199,999 in population):

State Administration:	\$250,816
Total:	\$2,508,164
- Non-urbanized areas (less than 50,000 in population):

State Administration:	\$372,068
Total:	\$3,720,683