



FACT SHEET

FTA Section 5310 Program Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (EMSID)

Program Purpose

Improve the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the State by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options

Eligible Applicants

Rural and small urban public agencies providing general public transportation that currently receive Section 5307 or 5311 program funds.

Private non-profit organizations located in small urban areas with less than 200,000 in population based on the 2010 Census and in rural areas.

NOTE: Agencies and organizations located in large urban areas with greater than 200,000 in population based on the 2010 Census are NOT eligible to apply through TDOT. This applies to agencies located in the Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville urbanized areas.

Eligibility is based on the physical address of the project location. For example, a request for a vehicle is based on the location where the project award will be used and garaged, not the address of the applying agency's administration office.

Eligible Projects

Capital projects consist of **replacement vehicles** and **expansion vehicles**. Project requests are limited to a predetermined vehicle menu. Applicants are required to prioritize vehicle requests.

Projects in small urbanized areas must be identified in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

Project Selection

Process is competitive and based on need. Review of agency's application material and responses, financial management and capacity, current award utilization and compliance history, fleet size, age, and other service performance data will assist in selecting project awards.

MPOs and RPOs will assist in the review process by providing information and comments on project application requests in the specific planning organization's area.

NOTE: All vehicle awards are purchased by TDOT from the Statewide Contract through the Tennessee Department of General Services, Division of Purchasing. At time of contract execution, awardees are required to provide the local match to TDOT.

During the selection review process, applicants may be required to provide additional agency and/or project information. TDOT retains sole discretion to determine which projects will be funded.



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Match Requirements

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

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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. TDOT may retain the local match.

Grantees of federal and state funding are required to comply with all federal and state program requirements, including the submission of requested information and regular reports to document compliance and measure project performance. Compliance reviews, including on-site visits to monitor project performance, will be conducted by TDOT.

Grantees will be responsible for the proper use, operating costs, and maintenance of all vehicle and vehicle-related project awards.