

FTA SECTION 5310
Elderly Individuals & Individuals with Disabilities Program
FACT SHEET for Federal Fiscal Year 2009

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

To provide safe, efficient and coordinated transportation services for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities for whom public transportation is otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.

FTA FUNDING:

Approximately \$600,000 will be available for the federal share portion in this grant cycle. There is a required 20% local match for approved projects.

COORDINATED PLANNING:

All projects selected for funding must be derived from a locally developed coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Private non-profit organizations;
- Governmental authorities approved by the State to coordinate services for elderly individuals or individuals with disabilities;
- Governmental authorities that certify that no non-profit corporation or association is available in an area to provide service.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant must be able to document:

- Experience and history of providing an efficient and effective transportation service;
- Driver training program;
- Vehicle maintenance program;
- Source of the 20% local match.

ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT:

- Accessible buses or vans;
- Wheelchair lifts and restraints;
- Radios and communication equipment;
- Computer hardware and software;
- Transit related Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) or new technologies.

FUNDING SELECTION PROCESS:

Applications are reviewed by NHDOT, ranked and compiled into a Program of Projects that places a priority on replacement vehicles, or other equipment, to continue existing services and serve a broad base of riders without eligibility restrictions. The selection process also considers service to a wide range of geographical regions as well as minority and other disadvantaged groups.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Successful applicants will enter into an agreement with NHDOT that stipulates the terms and conditions under which the equipment will be procured and operated (including timely submittal of Quarterly Reports and onsite inspections). The Agreement will remain in effect until the project is terminated and the equipment disposed of.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE SOURCES:

Rail & Transit website:

www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorailtransit/railandtransit/index.htm

FTA Section 5310 website:

www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3556.html

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