



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



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NOTICE OF AVAILABLE CAPITAL FUNDS

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FTA SECTION 5310

ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

Application Deadline: June 1, 2016, 3:00 pm

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Rail & Transit, announces the availability of applications for funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section [5310](#) (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities) program. For application materials visit:

<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorailtransit/railandtransit/grants.htm>

Eligible Recipients

- Private non-profit organizations or a State or local governmental authority that is a designated coordinated service provider

Eligible Projects

- Accessible vehicles and other capital equipment (e.g., radio systems, fare boxes, bus maintenance equipment)
 - Capital grants for vehicles emphasize replacement of vehicles at the end of their useful life to sustain existing service and prioritizes replacement vehicles based on their age and mileage.
- Projects must be for seniors & individuals with disabilities. See FTA Circular [C9070.IG](#) for guidance.

Available Funding

	Available FTA Section 5310 Funding		
	FFY 16	Carryover	Total
Rural areas	\$187,965	\$290,673	\$478,638
Small Urban areas	\$249,794	\$491,921	\$741,715
Boston Urban area	\$75,000	\$75,929	\$150,929
Total	\$512,759	\$858,522	\$1,371,281

Note: Funding availability is approximate and is subject to change.

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS			
Project Type	Federal %	State Capital Match	Local (Applicant) Match
ADA-accessible vehicles	85%	7.5%	7.5%
Other equipment	80%	0%	20%

- Agencies must have the required local match available and, upon issuance of a purchase order for a vehicle, will be required to submit their local match check to the DOT.

Project Evaluation

Projects will be evaluated by NHDOT staff according to the following criteria:

-	The applicant's request has been identified in a locally developed, coordinated public transit - human services transportation plan.	Y/N
-	Seniors and Individuals with disabilities have full access to the applicant's services.	Y/N
-	The applicant has indicated it will utilize the vehicle for a minimum of 10,000 miles per year.	Y/N
1	The applicant has successful experience in providing transportation services or the applicant has outlined how the new service will be successful.	15%
2	The applicant shows a willingness to utilize vehicle(s) for coordination in the service area and is involved with Regional Coordinating Council(s) and their activities.	15%
3	The applicant successfully demonstrates service efficiency and effectiveness, measured in ridership, service miles and hours and costs. New applicants must demonstrate the ability to measure performance and achieve goals.	10%
4	The applicant has the technical capacity to carry out the project and has the financial capacity to provide required match for the project and on-going expenses associated with the project.	15%
5	The applicant identified how the project effectively meets the needs and strategies addressed in the locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.	15%
6	The applicant demonstrates involvement in and support for the project, financial and otherwise, on the part of citizens and government.	10%
7	The applicant complies with relevant Federal & State regulations, and has a history of compliance with regulations, reporting requirements, and other contract requirements (e.g., maintaining vehicles per OEM guidelines, meeting minimum mileage requirements, timely submission of required reports).	20%

Application Information

- Applications and more specific eligibility details are available by contacting the NHDOT, Bureau of Rail & Transit at (603) 271-2468, on the web at <http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/aerorailtransit/railandtransit/grants.htm>, or by emailing Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator, at fbutler@dot.state.nh.us.
- **Submission:** Electronic via email is required. No signature is required on documents if sent from agency head's email address. Submit to: Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator, at fbutler@dot.state.nh.us
- **Deadline: June 1, 2016, 3:00 pm**

Additional Information

- If balances remain after solicitation, NHDOT may choose to fund complementary ADA paratransit vehicles for public transit agencies with remaining balances instead of other FTA capital funds.
- The next planned solicitation for projects will be no sooner than spring 2017. (Pending NHDOT's decision related to funding some ADA paratransit vehicles, the next solicitation may be significantly reduced.)
- FTA regulations require all 5310 projects to be included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. Generally, the development of these plans is managed by regional planning commissions. If a plan has not been adopted in a region, funds may not be granted for these programs. The planning process must include all stakeholders in a region and include a needs assessment and prioritized strategies for addressing transportation needs in the region.
- All USDOT-funded transportation projects must be listed in NH's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). For State-administered programs, the DOT includes a single statewide listing for each program, which fulfills this requirement. It is not necessary to request separate regional inclusion of proposed projects in the STIP.
- All successful applicants will be required to sign Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certifications and Assurances prior to contract/vehicle award to verify compliance with all Federal requirements.
- Vehicles are normally purchased by the State and titled to the receiving agency, with the State retaining a lien to protect the Federal and State interest. Agencies capable of adhering to FTA procurement guidelines may request permission to purchase vehicles themselves if it can be shown to be cost effective to do so.
- This project will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.