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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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To: Regional Coordination Councils and Lead Agencies

From: Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator

Re: **SFY 2019 5310 RCC FORMULA-FUNDED APPLICATIONS**

The Department of Transportation announces the availability of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 "Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities" funds specifically made available to the nine NH Regional Coordinating Councils (RCCs) to support coordinated transportation services in their regions. These funds are allocated by formula distribution to each region, but will not supplant the traditional Statewide 5310 capital program. The Department will still conduct a separate and centralized Section 5310 Statewide Capital (vehicle & equipment) solicitation in the coming months. The utilization of regionally allocated funds will not affect the statewide vehicle solicitation program.

The regionally allocated funds being made available under this solicitation are comprised of FFY2017 and FFY2018 apportioned FTA Section 5310 funds. The funds have been allocated by region and will be distributed through a single Lead Agency in each region. Each region should identify a Lead Agency that should, on behalf of the region, apply for these funds by submitting a 5310 RCC Formula-funded application with required attachments. The applicant should ensure that the application clearly illustrates the regional scope of services to be provided with these funds.

The Department recently presented funding scenarios to the Statewide Coordinating Council (SCC) that would have earmarked 5310 RCC Formula funds for regional and statewide mobility management activities; however, based on the feedback from the SCC and RCCs, the Department has decided to maintain the status quo regarding project solicitations for the SFY 2019 RCC Formula-funded program. Thus, as has been permitted in the past, the following project types remain eligible for the Section 5310 funds:

- **Capital/mobility management projects** -- 80% Federal/20% non-federal match
- **Operating expenses** – 50% Federal/50% non-federal match

Notes:

- 1) *Currently funded Mobility Management activities remain eligible and the Department is not requiring each region to establish a Mobility Manager position. Mobility Management activities are further defined in the Department's accompanying guidance.*
- 2) *Properly documented in-kind match is permitted consistent with Federal guidelines and accompanying Department guidance.*

The total funding available for regional distribution is \$564,284. The funding was allocated by region according to a formula, similar to the methodology used for the 5310 Purchase of Service Program, based on regional populations of seniors (65+) and those between the ages of 0-64 with disabilities, using 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates [data](#).

A summary of the Federal funding available to each region is as follows:

5310 RCC FORMULA FUNDS		Available FTA Funds – SFY2019
Region 1	Grafton-Coos	\$ 70,893
Region 2	Carroll County	\$ 32,385
Region 3	Mid-State	\$ 110,685
Region 4	Sullivan County	\$ 26,086
Region 5	Southwest/Monadnock Region	\$ 51,631
Region 6		
Region 7	Nashua Region	\$ 15,443
Region 8	Southern NH (Manchester) Region	\$ 94,241
Region 9	Salem-Derry Region	\$ 30,112
Region 10	ACT (Seacoast) Region	\$ 132,808
Total		\$ 564,284

Note: Region 7, Region 8, and Region 9 formula-funded distributions are reflective of the removal of the Nashua UZA [towns](#)' populations since the State's funding distribution does not include Nashua UZA 5310 funds & those funds will need to be accessed through the City of Nashua and CART through a formal solicitation process.

Applications for the RCC-allocated funds may be submitted to the Department at any time before **March 2nd, 2018** to ensure a contract start date of July 1, 2018. Applications submitted after March 2nd may result in a contract that does not receive Governor & Council approval until after July 1st and will therefore result in a contract that will not go in effect until the date of that subsequent G&C meeting.

Submit applications via email to Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator, at frederick.butler@dot.nh.gov. Be sure to include all required attachments with the application.

For more information about the FTA Section 5310 formula funds distributed via RCCs, please contact Fred via email or via phone at 603-271-2565.

For informational purposes only: For the next solicitation, scheduled for December 2018 and to cover State Fiscal Years 2020-2021, NHDOT plans to combine the 5310 RCC Formula funds and the 5310 Purchase of Service funds and solicit one application from each Region. Therefore, each Region will be required to select a single lead agency from which NHDOT will accept one Regional application for the combined funds. Additional information and details will be forthcoming at subsequent Statewide Coordinating Council (SCC) meetings with regard to NHDOT's SFY 2020-2021 combined solicitation including Federal participating rates, local match requirements, and eligible project types.
