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To: Regional Coordination Councils and Lead Agencies

From: Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator

Re: **SFY 2020 FTA SECTION 5310 (COMBINED) RCC PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Transportation announces the availability of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 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. This solicitation combines the previous RCC Formula and Purchase of Service programs into a single RCC Program.

The regionally allocated funds being made available under this solicitation are comprised of FFY2019 apportioned FTA Section 5310 funds, FFY2019 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) "Flex" funds transferred to FTA to supplement 5310-related service statewide, plus carryover balances from both sources. Each region should identify a single Lead Agency that should, on behalf of the region, apply for these funds by submitting a 5310 RCC Program application with required attachments. The applicant should ensure that the application clearly illustrates the regional scope of services to be provided with these funds.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

As has been permitted in the past, the following project types remain eligible for the Section 5310 RCC funds:

- **Capital/mobility management projects**
- **Operating expenses (including direct operating as well as purchased services)**

Both categories are eligible at 80% Federal/20% Local funding given FTA's concurrence that the Department is in effect purchasing transportation services from each region. Thus, any operating expenses, whether incurred by a Lead Agency or a contracted provider within the region, are eligible up to a maximum 80%/20% ratio.

Notes:

- 1) *Currently funded Mobility Management activities remain eligible. 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.*

AVAILABLE FUNDING

The total funding available for regional distribution is **\$1,633,886**. The funding was allocated by region based on an increase of 5% for each region as compared to the combined SFY2019 RCC Formula and Purchase of Service funding contract amounts. The SFY2019 allocations were 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 FUNDS		Available FTA Funds – SFY2020
Region 1	Grafton-Coos	\$ 187,535
Region 2	Carroll County	\$ 97,134
Region 3	Mid-State	\$ 261,746
Region 4	Sullivan County	\$ 82,260
Region 5	Southwest/Monadnock Region	\$ 163,333
Region 7	Nashua Region	\$ 152,031
Region 8	Southern NH (Manchester) Region	\$ 239,648
Region 9	Salem-Derry Region	\$ 124,816
Region 10	ACT (Seacoast) Region	\$ 325,384
Total		\$1,633,886

Note: Nashua UZA also receives directly apportioned 5310 funding not included in the amounts listed.

While the Department anticipates the total funding available for SFY2021 RCC Program Applications will be at the same amount listed above, the decision to proceed with one-year contracts was primarily based on the following factors:

- Ongoing discussions with NH’s Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS) with regard to funding for transportation services;
- Continued discussions at the State Coordinating Council (SCC) level regarding the appropriateness of transit agencies serving as lead agencies; and
- The Department’s reconsideration and/or possibly prioritization of “eligible projects” to be funded through this funding source in order to implement certain aspects of the [2016 NH Statewide Coordination of Community Transportation Services Plan](#).

APPLICATION DUE DATE & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications for the RCC-allocated funds may be submitted to the Department at any time before **February 27, 2019** to ensure a contract start date of July 1, 2019. Applications submitted after February 27th 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 funds distributed via RCCs, please visit NHDOT’s grants [webpage](#) or contact Fred via email or via phone at 603-271-2565.