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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 2021 FTA SECTION 5310 RCC PROGRAM APPLICATIONS – DUE MARCH 3rd, 2020

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 may result in 1) an amended contract adding a second year (SFY2021) of funding for those regions that are opting to maintain existing lead agencies, or 2) a new one-year contract for any regions opting to change lead agencies. In either case, regions are encouraged to meet to discuss the existing projects, evaluate what is and isn’t working, and make decisions for the year ahead relative to the Lead Agency and projects.

The regionally allocated funds being made available under this solicitation are comprised of FFY2020 apportioned FTA Section 5310 funds, FFY2020 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/contracted 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 – SFY2021
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.

APPLICATION DUE DATE & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications for the RCC-allocated funds may be submitted to the Department at any time before **March 3rd, 2020** to ensure a contract start date of July 1, 2020. Applications submitted after March 3rd 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.