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NOTICE OF AVAILABLE CAPITAL FUNDS
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FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310
ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM
Application Deadline: October 26, 2020

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

Eligible Recipients (per FTA Circular [C9070.IG](#))

1. Private non-profit organizations
2. Local governmental authority that is either approved by to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities or that certifies there are no non-profit organizations available in the area to provide the service.
3. Private operators of public transportation, including shared-ride taxi services

Eligible Projects

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

Available Funding

	Available FTA Section 5310 Funding		
	FFY 2020	Carryover	Total
Rural/Statewide	\$169,515	\$454,103	\$623,618
Small Urban areas	\$185,072	\$802,626	\$987,698
Boston Urban area	\$45,846	\$0	\$45,846
Total	\$400,433	\$1,256,730	\$1,657,163

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%	0%	15%
Other equipment	80%	0%	20%

- If the State is procuring the vehicle, or other equipment, agencies must have the required local match available and will be required to submit their local match check to the DOT prior to delivery.

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 persons 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
-	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.	Y/N
1	The applicant identified how the project effectively meets the region's program-related needs and strategies, including those addressed in the locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.	25%
2	The applicant has successful experience in providing transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities or the applicant has outlined how the new service will be successful.	20%
3	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.	20%
4	The applicant complies with relevant Federal and 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). New applicants must demonstrate the ability to do so.	15%
5	The applicant demonstrates involvement in and support for the project, financial and otherwise, on the part of citizens and government.	10%
6	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%
<i>*Note: Weights subject to change</i>		100%

NOTE: Final funding decisions will also be impacted by NHDOT's Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan, which factors in vehicle age, mileage, and condition for prioritization of replacement vehicles.

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 frederick.butler@dot.nh.gov.
- **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 frederick.butler@dot.nh.gov.
- **Deadline: October 26, 2020, 3:00 pm**

Additional Information

- Minimum vehicle size is 8+ passengers based on NHDOT standard statewide contracts.
- If balances remain after solicitation, NHDOT may choose to request a transfer of apportioned Small Urbanized Area funds to the Rural (Nonurbanized) areas to FTA.
- The next planned solicitation for projects will be no sooner than summer 2021. Depending on carryover amounts and fund transfers, the next solicitation could be substantially 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 successful applicants will be required to sign Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certifications and Assurances prior to contract/vehicle award and annually 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.