



FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, Federal Fiscal Years 2018 & 2019

PROGRAM FACT SHEET & TIMELINE

Program Purpose:

- To improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.

Funding:

- Approximately **\$19 Million** in Federal Grant funds for Large Urbanized Areas and **\$14 Million** for Small Urban and Rural communities.
- This is a competitive grant process.
- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) mandates that at least 55% of funding is used for Traditional Projects.
- FTA mandates that no more than 45% of funding be used for Expanded Projects.

Eligible Applicants:

- Private non-profit corporations (Traditional and Expanded Projects)
- Public Agencies where no non-profits provide service (Traditional Projects)
- Public Agencies approved by the State to coordinate services (Traditional Projects)
- Public Agencies (Expanded Projects)

Eligible Capital Expenses (Traditional):

- Accessible vans and buses
- Mobile radios and communication equipment
- Computer hardware and software

Vehicle Replacement (Traditional) Projects:

- Vehicle(s) must be in active service
- A replacement bus or van must meet or exceed useful life at the time of application.

Service Expansion Vehicle (Traditional) Projects:

- Services to additional persons; or
- Expanding the service area or hour; or
- Increasing the number and/or frequency of trips

Examples of Eligible Mobility Management (Expanded)

Projects: (but not limited to)

- Planning, development, implementation of coordinated transportation services
- Travel training/trip planning

Examples of Eligible Operating Assistance (Expanded)

Projects: (but not limited to)

- Expansion of hours/service of paratransit service beyond the requirement of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Enhancement of services (same day; etc.)
- New or expansion of Volunteer Driver Programs

Program Requirements:

- Grantees are responsible for the proper use, operating costs, and maintenance of all project equipment.
- Grantees certify that they will comply with State and Federal requirements.
- Grantees must certify that all projects are ready for implementation at time of application.

Information:

- See Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT) Section 5310 webpage at: www.dot.ca.gov/drmt/fed5310.html
- Applications are submitted through BlackCat at: <http://cadot.blackcatgrants.com>
- Call for projects expected on **July 1 2019.**



5310 PROGRAM TIMELINE

Spring 2019:

- MPO/RTPA/Sub-Recipient Survey
- Townhall Meeting

July/August 2019:

- Call for Projects
- Grant Application Workshops/Webinar

September/October 2019:

- Applications close on BlackCat Electronic Grant Management (EGM) system
- MPO/RTPA score applications
- The State Review Committee (SRC) verifies MPO/RTPA scores

October 2019:

- MPOs/RTPAs verify regional prioritized lists on BlackCat to be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by Caltrans

November 2019:

- Regional scores are merged into a statewide-prioritized list of projects

December 2019:

- Submit draft list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC)
- CTC distributes public draft of the Program of Projects (POP)

January 2020:

- CTC conducts staff level conference for the SRC to hear any filed appeals
- CTC conducts public hearing to adopt final POP
- Final POP distributed publicly
- Projects are programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

Spring 2020:

- Schedule Successful Applicant Webinar, verify new agency information
- After verification that all projects are programmed, approved POP submitted to FTA for funding approval
- After FTA's final approval, Standard Agreement process initiated
- Procurement process begins

Program Note:

FTA Section 5310 vehicles are purchased by Caltrans using a State procurement process. Upon Caltrans approval, public agencies may follow their own local procurement process. However, the grantee must comply with State and Federal procurement procedures when purchasing with local funds. Upon project completion, the grantee request reimbursement from Caltrans for the Federal Share.

** Timeline dates are subject to change.*