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NOTICE OF AVAILABLE CAPITAL FUNDS: SFY 2024

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FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310

ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM

Application Deadline: February 14, 2024

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 [C9070.1G](#))

1. Private non-profit organizations
2. Local governmental authority that is either approved 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 the 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 to improve mobility for seniors & individuals with disabilities. See [C9070.1G](#) for guidance.

Available Funding

	Estimated Available FTA Section 5310 Funding			<i>Note: Funding availability is approximate and is subject to change.</i>
	FFY 2023	Carryover	Total	
Rural/Statewide	\$322,000	\$150,872	\$472,872	
Small Urban areas	\$409,825	\$403,574	\$813,399	
Boston Urban area	\$66,961	\$66,673	\$133,634	
Total	\$621,119	\$798,786	\$1,419,905	

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS			
Project Type	Federal %	State Capital Match %	Local (Applicant) Match %
ADA-accessible vehicles	85%	7.5%	7.5%
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

As replacement vehicles are prioritized, applications for revenue vehicles eligible for replacement per NHDOT's Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan in SFY24 or SFY25 (due to delivery lead times) will be considered non-competitive. All other 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
-	The project is designed for/primarily benefits seniors and persons with disabilities.	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 has the support of affected Regional Coordinating Council(s) (RCCs) based on their involvement in RCC 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 the required match for the project and ongoing 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, and 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%

Application Information

- Applications and additional information are available by contacting the NHDOT, Bureau of Rail & Transit at (603) 271-2468, on the web at <https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/programs/fta-grants>, or by emailing Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator, at Frederick.J.Butler@dot.nh.gov.
- **Submission:** Electronic via email is required. No signature is required on documents if sent from the agency head's email address. Submit to: Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator, at Frederick.J.Butler@dot.nh.gov.
- **Application Deadline: February 14, 2024, 3:00 pm**

Additional Information

- NHDOT will consider a maximum of one ADA-accessible minivan per agency. Restrictions apply.
- If balances remain after solicitation, NHDOT may choose to request an FTA transfer of apportioned Small Urbanized Area funds to the Rural (Nonurbanized) areas.
- The next planned solicitation for projects will be no sooner than spring 2024. 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 coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan; contact your local Regional Planning Commission/RCC about inclusion in your local plan.
- 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.
 - At its discretion, NHDOT may choose to fund projects with FTA Section 5339 funding as practicable. Requirements related to 5310 project administration would still apply.
- Vehicles other than minivans are generally purchased by the State and titled to the receiving agency, with the State retaining a lien to protect the Federal and State interest.
- 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.