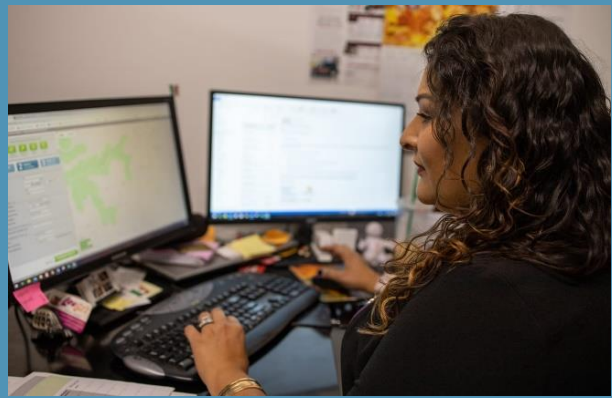


# ENHANCED MOBILITY FUNDED PROJECTS

Recipients of Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) Funding from 2014-2019

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## Program Goals

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) provides funding for transportation for people with disabilities and older adults who have difficulty using public transit or need improved access to it. The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), is the designated recipient for the Enhanced Mobility program in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), is the administrative agent. The program provides approximately \$3 million per year in matching grants for capital and operating expenses for:

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**Since 2014, 71 projects totaling more than \$25 million dollars have been funded**

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA;
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transit that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation.

Every two years the TPB solicits projects from eligible non-profit organizations, local governments, transit agencies, and private for-profit providers.

## The Coordinated Plan

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) charged with coordinating transportation planning and funding for the National Capital Region, the TPB has developed a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan. The coordinated plan identifies the unmet transportation needs of people with disabilities and older adults in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area and proposes strategies and priority projects for addressing the unmet needs and outlines the competitive selection process for the Enhanced Mobility Program. For each solicitation, the Access for All Advisory Committee confirms priority projects identified in the coordinated plan. Past projects include many of these priorities: travel training, wheelchair accessible taxis, vehicle acquisition for non-profit organizations serving clients with developmental disabilities, and volunteer driver programs.

## Competitive Selection Process

Enhanced Mobility projects were selected competitively by an independent selection committee from national and local organizations representing aging, disability, transit and human service transportation. The selection criteria for the program is identified in the coordinated plan and includes responsiveness to its strategies and priority projects as well as regional need and coordination among agencies and programs.

# 2019 SOLICITATION – FUNDED PROJECTS

In January 2019, the TPB approved the following 24 projects to receive approximately \$7.7 million in federal and local matching grant funds (including 5310 funds transferred from DDOT and balances from prior solicitations) under the Enhanced Mobility Program.

**Capitol Hill Village: Passport to Independence: DC Villages (DCV) Ambassadors to Mobility**

Continue and expand a mobility management program serving 13 DC Villages by recruiting volunteer drivers to provide rides, increasing seniors' public transit knowledge through 1:1 training, and training seniors on the use of mobility options such as Uber and GoGo Grandparent. A strong evaluation component continues, which helped identify gaps and needs now being addressed in this project.

Federal	\$616,563
Match	\$154,141
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$770,704</b>

*\*This award was funded using balances from a prior Enhanced Mobility solicitation.*

**Jewish Council for the Aging: The Network for Volunteer Driving of Greater Washington Plus (NVD+)**

Continue and expand a volunteer driver resource center to additional parts of Northern Virginia and to suburban Maryland. The program provides technical assistance, guidance in program development, marketing, bulk background checks, shared ride scheduling software, training, and technical assistance to existing and new volunteer driver programs.

Federal	\$521,348
Match	\$132,960
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$654,308</b>

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**Washington Metro Area Transit Authority: Abilities-Ride Mobility Management**

Support Abilities-Ride, a program using taxis to provide same day rides at a discounted rate as an alternative to Metro Access, by hiring an intern. The intern will coordinate the Abilities-Ride program and work to improve access to transportation resources beyond paratransit, create partnerships with hospitals, human services agencies, and dialysis facilities, and use mobility management practices and technology to ensure continued program success.

Federal	\$40,000
Match	\$40,000
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>

**Dulles Area Transportation Association: DATA's 2021 Enhanced Mobility Program for Seniors, Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities**

Continue and expand a mobility management project that recruits bilingual Spanish-speaking volunteers and drivers in partnership with existing transportation, and provides travel training, information about mobility options, and driver training in Spanish to older adults and people with disabilities. The expansion includes additional volunteer organizations, new partners, and a Veterans component.

Federal	\$238,033
Match	\$59,508
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$297,541</b>

**The Arc of Northern Virginia: Achieving Independence - Expanding the Scope of Mobility in the Washington Metropolitan Region**

Continue and expand an existing train the travel trainer program using TravelMate, a specialized software program that provides step-by-step instructions to support people with intellectual disabilities in independent travel on bus and/or rail. The project will continue to embed the train the trainer program into disability organizations in Northern Virginia and DC as well as Arc Chapters in Montgomery and Prince George’s County. A new component is direct outreach to individuals with developmental disabilities and cognitive challenges, and their families.

Federal	\$394,478
Match	\$98,619
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$493,097</b>

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**Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services: Fairfax Mobility Access Project (FXMAP)**

Continue and expand the Fairfax Mobility Access Project (FXMAP) which seeks to increase awareness of existing transportation options, create affordable and sustainable additional options, and build capacity through partnerships. The expansion includes a subsidy program using the Transportation Options Programs & Services’ Transportation Debit Card for qualified county residents.

Partners will be used to increase awareness of transportation programs and create additional volunteer driver programs in underserved areas, including services for Veterans.

Federal	\$455,770
Match	\$151,443
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$607,213</b>

**Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation: Prince George’s County Medical Assistance Mobility Enhancement Pilot Program**

Expand an existing taxi voucher program that provides transportation for eligible dialysis patients by adding an option for transportation to Saturday treatment. The project includes a taxi driver certification requirement to ensure an understanding of the specific needs of dialysis patients.

Federal	\$128,864
Match	\$128,864
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$257,728</b>

**Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington, Inc.: JCA Elderbus for the Most Vulnerable**

Operating funds for oversight, insurance and fuel, to support costs associated with the Elderbus program which annually transports over 60,000 seniors to therapeutic day programs, shopping, and social and recreational activities at five senior centers using 15 wheelchair accessible buses previously procured with grant funds.

Federal	\$191,717
Match	\$191,717
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$383,434</b>

# Vehicle Acquisition Grants

## City of Hyattsville: Hyattsville Mobility Options Initiative

Implement a Mobility Options Initiative to enhance transportation for older adults and people with disabilities in the City of Hyattsville and surrounding area. Procure two buses for the Call-A Bus program, partner with Hyattsville Aging in Place to coordinate and increase “door-through-door” and “escort services”, explore and develop partnerships with ride-hailing companies, provide education on use and coordinate/schedule ride-hailing services for individuals without smartphones, create an Age-Friendly Driver Certification Program for drivers providing curb-to-curb, door-through-door, and ride-hailing transportation services, and improve awareness of and access to transportation options through a series of ongoing marketing campaigns and a community event.

Federal	\$219,194
Match	\$120,349
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$339,543</b>

## Regency Taxi: Enhanced Mobility Through Accessible Vehicles

Procure ten wheelchair accessible minivans to help meet growing demand for accessible vehicles. Includes preventative maintenance and required equipment to convert vehicles into taxis.

Federal	\$359,268
Match	\$89,818
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$449,086</b>

## Transportation General, Inc.: Northern Virginia Accessible Mobility Service

Procure ten wheelchair accessible minivans to expand the availability of on-demand service with the goal of increasing availability during off-peak hours (evening, overnight, and weekends), and in auto-dependent parts of the region. Includes preventative maintenance and required equipment to convert vehicles into taxis.

Federal	\$432,434
Match	\$147,859
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$580,293</b>

## New Horizons Supported Services, Inc.: Enhancing Mobility and Increasing Inclusion for Disabled Adults through Tailored Transportation

Procure four wheelchair accessible minivans for community inclusion programs and state and county programming for people with developmental disabilities and older adults. Includes insurance, preventative maintenance, and GPS units and software.

Federal	\$166,167
Match	\$45,595
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$211,759</b>

**Community Support Services: Continuation of Expanded Transportation Options for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Supported by CSS**

Procure nine wheelchair accessible minivans to transport children and adults with developmental disabilities to community-based activities and programming. During off hours, vehicles will be used by Meals on Wheels and Red Wiggler Farm to provide additional community services.

Federal	\$335,056
Match	\$83,764
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$418,820</b>

**The Arc of Prince George’s County: Community Learning Services (CLS) 2**

Procure seven wheelchair accessible minivans for expansion of the Community Learning Services program which provides specialized transportation to community-based activities, potential employment, community events, and volunteer opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

Federal	\$227,559
Match	\$56,890
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$284,449</b>

**The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.: Acquisition of Vehicles**

Procure two wheelchair accessible minivans and three 15-passenger vans to transport adults with developmental disabilities to and from employment, mobile work training groups, adult day program sites, medical appointments, and community integration activities.

Federal	\$265,644
Match	\$66,412
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$332,056</b>

*\*Part of this award was funded using balances from a prior Enhanced Mobility solicitation.*

**Easter Seals Serving DC|MD|VA: Adult Medical Day Transportation Services at Easterseals’ Silver Spring Inter-Generational Center**

Procure one wheelchair accessible minivan for replacement for transportation to and from Easter Seals’ Adult Medical Day program which provides activities, socialization, nutritious meals, and management of chronic conditions and clinical oversight for older adults and adults with disabilities. Includes, preventative maintenance and ride scheduling software to optimize routing of entire fleet.

Federal	\$259,840
Match	\$93,460
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$353,300</b>

**Chinese Culture and Community Service Center: CCACC Adult Day Healthcare Center Transportation Services**

Procure four 15-passenger buses and one wheelchair accessible minivan to provide transportation to medical appointments, shopping, recreational activities, group trips, and government offices for seniors and individuals with disabilities who have health issues.

Federal	\$235,796
Match	\$60,300
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$296,096</b>

**Sunrise Community of Maryland, Inc.: “Keep It Moving” – Enhanced Accessibility and Mobility Program**

Procure two 14-passenger buses and one wheelchair accessible minivan for transportation to and from Sunrise’s Adult Day center where training programs help increase independence in daily living activities and Supported Employment and Vocational Services provide work skills for adults with disabilities. Includes preventative maintenance, licensing and insurance.

Federal	\$183,215
Match	\$59,298
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$242,513</b>

**Washington Metro Area Transit Authority: Next Generation Paratransit Vehicle – Ride of the Future**

Procure ten new paratransit buses to replace vehicles that have met useful life. The vehicle design, developed in partnership with people with disabilities and funded outside of the grant, will better serve the needs of Metro Access customers through improved safety, comfort, and accessibility. Because the

vehicles will be used for paratransit service, the project is eligible for 85% Federal funding.

Federal	\$850,000
Match	\$150,000
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**Montgomery County Department of Transportation: Montgomery County Travel Training Program Expansion**

Procure a specially equipped mobility training bus, hire two travel trainers, and implement a marketing campaign to enhance Montgomery County’s Travel Training program. The bus will be used to expand the geographical service area, increase the number of training workshops, and enhance the content to include pedestrian safety and awareness. Includes monitors for inside bus training and a marketing video.

Federal	\$554,821
Match	\$138,705
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$693,526</b>

**ECHO: Enhancing ECHO's Transportation for Persons with Disabilities**

Procure two 15-passenger buses to transport people with disabilities in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties to and from ECHO’s supported employment programming, in-house and community integration programs, and employment training assessment and training lab. Includes preventative maintenance.

Federal	\$107,547
Match	\$26,887
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$134,434</b>



**Prince George’s County: Prince George’s County Paratransit Fleet Replacement Initiative**

Procure three 15-passenger wheelchair accessible buses for the county’s Call-a-Bus paratransit program. Because the vehicles will be used for paratransit service, they are eligible for 85% Federal funding.

Federal	\$146,849
Match	\$25,915
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$172,764</b>

**Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services: Fairfax County Human Services Transportation 5310 Bus Replacement**

Procure three 15-19 passenger buses to transport county residents to treatments, therapeutic appointments, essential shopping sites, and to other County sponsored programs and services that promote socialization, health and nutrition, and age specific physical activities and exercise.

Federal	\$150,000
Match	\$37,500
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$187,500</b>

**CHI Centers, Inc.: Mobility 2019**

Procure five wheelchair accessible minivans for use at group homes currently lacking a vehicle. The vehicles will be used to transport individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to CHI’s Supported Employment, Competitive Employment, Community Residential support, Personal Supports in the private home, and Adult Day programming.

Federal	\$192,129
Match	\$48,033
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>\$240,162</b>

## 2017 SOLICITATION – FUNDED PROJECTS

Grantee	Project	State	FTA Amount	Total Project
Capitol Hill Village	Getting Smarter About Transportation for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	DC	\$534,345	\$667,932
Jewish Council for the Aging	The Network for Volunteer Driving of Greater Washington (NVD)	MD	\$515,540	\$644,427
Jewish Council for the Aging	Preventive Maintenance for JCA ElderBuses	MD	\$66,240	\$82,800
Montgomery County DOT	Call and Ride Supplemental Assistance	MD	\$554,430	\$1,108,860
Arc of Northern Virginia	Expanding the Scope of Mobility Options in the Washington Metropolitan Region	VA	\$299,967	\$374,959
Dulles Area Transportation Association	DATA's Enhanced Mobility Program for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	VA	\$150,330	\$187,912
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Fairfax Mobility Access Project (FX MAP)	VA	\$390,450	\$488,062
City of Rockville	Rockville Bus Stop & Sidewalk Improvements	MD	\$396,000	\$495,000
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Fairfax County Human Services Transportation 5310 Bus Replacement Grant Application	VA	\$250,000	\$312,500
Easter Seals Serving DC/MD/VA	Adult Medical Day Transportation Services at Easter Seals Silver Spring Inter-Generational Center	MD	\$220,000	\$275,000

Community Support Services, Inc.	Alternative Transportation Options for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Supported By CSS	MD	\$197,550	\$246,937
ECHO	Enhancing ECHO's Transportation Fleet	VA	\$210,254	\$262,818
Arc of Prince George's County	Community Learning Services (CLS)	MD	\$316,400	\$395,500

## 2015 SOLICITATION – FUNDED PROJECTS

Grantee	Project	State	FTA Amount	Total Project
Seabury Resources for Aging	ConnectorCard Program	DC	\$378,693	\$757,386
Capitol Hill Village	Get Smart about Transportation	DC	\$322,982	\$403,728
Jewish Council for the Aging	Volunteer Driver Resource Center	MD	\$249,999	\$312,499
Montgomery County Professional Drivers Union	MontCo Union Taxi Co-op	MD	\$331,706	\$495,181
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Orientation & Mobility for All (OMA)	MD	\$308,334	\$385,418
Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.	Southern Maryland Rides	MD	\$133,145	\$266,290
Sunrise of Maryland, Inc.	Adult Day Program Capital Accessibility Improvements	MD	\$116,248	\$145,310
The Arc of Northern Virginia	Train the Travel Trainer Program	VA	\$250,000	\$312,500
Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission	Wheels to Wellness	VA	\$125,000	\$250,000
Woodley House, Inc.	Van Acquisition Project	DC	\$60,626	\$75,782
The Arc of Prince George's County	CommunityLinks	MD	\$113,002	\$141,253
Jewish Council for the Aging	Replacement and Expansion of JCA Elderbuses	MD	\$267,838	\$334,796
Community Support Services	Expansion of Transportation Options for Individuals Supported by CSS	MD	\$362,728	\$453,410

University of Maryland, College Park	Enhanced Mobility for the University Community	MD	\$370,239	\$592,183
Regency Taxi	Accessible Vehicles	MD	\$183,819	\$234,238
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Acquisition of Vehicles	VA	\$252,383	\$315,480
Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services	Human Services Transportation 5310 Bus Replacement	VA	\$228,547	\$285,684
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)	Specialized Paratransit Vehicle Acquisition	DC	\$475,000	\$558,824

## 2014 SOLICITATION – FUNDED PROJECTS

Grantee	Project	State	FTA Amount	Total Project
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Audio Maps of Key Metro Stations	Regional	\$248,715	\$310,894
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Northern Virginia Mobility Access Project	VA	\$362,000	\$472,000
Jewish Council for the Aging	Expanded Mobility Management Program	MD	\$178,862	\$223,578
Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services	Expanded Marketing of Transportation Options and Volunteer Driver Programs	MD	\$138,902	\$196,247
Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services	Vehicle Replacement	VA	\$219,441	\$274,302
Jewish Council for the Aging	Vehicle Replacement and Preventive Maintenance	MD	\$226,934,	\$283,668
Yellow Transportation LLC	Wheelchair Accessible Cabs	DC	\$235,900	\$294,875
ECHO	Vehicle Replacement	VA	\$135,195	\$168,994
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT Inc.	Vehicle Replacement and Expansion	VA	\$381,778	\$477,223
CHI Centers, Inc.	Vehicle Replacement	MD	\$86,510	\$108,138
The Arc of Montgomery County	Vehicle Replacement	MD	\$150,019	\$187,524
The Arc of Prince George's County	Vehicle Replacement and Expansion	MD	\$128,600	\$160,749
Easter Seals Serving DC MD VA	Vehicle Expansion	Regional	\$60,020	\$75,025



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