



Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310)

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 Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, (COG) as the administrative agent for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), is the designated recipient for this program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The program provides approximately \$2.8 million per year in matching grants for non-profit organizations, local governments, transit agencies and private for-profit providers through matching grant funds for capital and operating expenses, for:

- 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.

The Coordinated Plan

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) charged with coordinating transportation planning and funding for the Metropolitan Washington region, the TPB has developed a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan. The Coordinated Plan identifies the unmet transportation needs of people with low-income, people with disabilities and older adults, lists priority projects for addressing the unmet needs, and outlines the competitive selection process for the grants. At least every two years, the TPB issues a [solicitation for grant applications](#). For each solicitation, the Access for All Advisory Committee confirms priority projects identified in the Coordinated Plan. Past projects include many of those 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, using selection criteria identified in the Coordinated Plan.

2015 Enhanced Mobility Grants Selected to Receive Federal Enhanced Mobility Funding

In January 2016, the TPB approved 21 projects to receive approximately \$5 million in federal and local matching grant funds under Enhanced Mobility. The projects were selected based in part on how well they address unmet regional needs identified in the 2014 update of the region's Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan.

Seabury Resources for Aging: ConnectorCard Program:

Subsidize transportation on taxis and services like Uber for DC residents 60 & older who have low-incomes.

Total Project	\$746,232
Federal	\$373,116
Match	\$373,116

Capitol Hill Village: Get Smart about Transportation

Enhance and improve volunteer transportation services for Capitol Hill Village and other villages in DC that serve older adults aging in place.

Total Project	\$403,729
Federal	\$322,983
Match	\$80,746

Jewish Council for the Aging: Volunteer Driver Resource Center

Support new and existing volunteer driver programs in Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland by providing technical assistance and resources such as shared ride-scheduling software.

Total Project	\$312,500
Federal	\$250,000
Match	\$62,500

Montgomery County Professional Drivers Union. Department of Health and Human Services: MontCo Union Taxi Co-operative

Support operating costs, dispatch, training and marketing of a new taxi co-op serving Montgomery County, Maryland in partnership with Regency Taxi.

Total Project	\$284,750
Federal	\$159,790
Match	\$124,960

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (CLB): Orientation & Mobility for All (OMA)

Continue Orientation & Mobility (O&M) travel training on public transportation for people who are blind, visually impaired and deaf blind and maintain internship program to train more O&M travel trainers.

Total Project	\$385,418
Federal	\$308,334
Match	\$77,084

**Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.:
Southern Maryland Rides**

Start-up a volunteer driver program that provides rides to medical appointments for people with disabilities and older adults.

Total Project	\$266,290
Federal	\$133,145
Match	\$133,145

**Sunrise of Maryland, Inc.: Adult Day Program
Capital Accessibility Improvements**

Improve access to new Adult Day Training Program building by enlarging main entrance to accommodate wheelchairs, installing ADA openers on three doors, and building a steel canopy over entrance.

Total Project	\$145,310
Federal	\$116,248
Match	\$29,062

**The Arc of Northern Virginia: Train the Travel
Trainer Program**

Continue train the travel trainer programming for staff at K-12 schools, non-profit and other organizations serving seniors and people with disabilities, who in turn train participants in the use of public transit.

Total Project	\$312,500
Federal	\$250,000
Match	\$62,500

**Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation
Commission (PRTC): Wheels to Wellness**

Subsidize transportation services for health-related trips by taxi for seniors 80 & older and people with disabilities who do not qualify for Medicaid non-emergency transportation.

Total Project	\$250,000
Federal	\$125,000
Match	\$125,000

Vehicle Acquisition Grants

Woodley House, Inc.: Van Acquisition Project:

Replace two minivans and fund preventative maintenance of vehicles to be used to transport chronically mentally ill, homeless, and older adults in DC.

Total Project	\$80,734
Federal	\$64,587
Match	\$16,147

**Yellow Transportation LLC: Wheelchair
Accessible Vehicle Replacement and Addition**

Replace six wheelchair-accessible cabs and acquire one 15-passenger van, plus preventative maintenance and equipment, to provide specialized transportation in DC.

Total Project	\$181,407
Federal	\$145,125
Match	\$36,282

This project also received \$184,875 in Federal New Freedom funding.

**Liberty Transportation Management
Corporation: Operation Transport**

Acquire eight wheelchair-accessible cabs to operate in the District of Columbia, plus preventative maintenance and operating costs.

Total Project	\$414,372
Federal	\$330,000
Match	\$84,372

**The Arc of Prince George's County:
CommunityLinks**

Acquire four wheelchair-accessible minivans for a new service that connects individuals with intellectual disabilities to community-based programming.

Total Project	\$152,667
Federal	\$122,133
Match	\$30,534

Jewish Council for the Aging: Replacement and Expansion of JCA Elderbuses

Replace two vehicles used for specialized transportation programming and acquire one new vehicle to provide seniors and people with disabilities with group trips.

Total Project	\$338,685
Federal	\$270,948
Match	\$67,737

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

Replace three vehicles and acquire two vehicles, plus GPS systems and safety cameras, to transport of clients with moderate to severe developmental disabilities.

Total Project	\$315,480
Federal	\$252,384
Match	\$63,096

Community Support Services: Expansion of Transportation Options for Individuals Supported by CSS

Acquire twelve minivans to expand transport of people with disabilities to therapeutic programs, community based activities, and evening and weekend residential support activities.

Total Project	\$453,410
Federal	\$362,728
Match	\$90,682

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

Replace five vehicles for County’s human service transportation program that provides coordinated door-to-door service for residents with physical and cognitive disabilities, and older adults.

Total Project	\$299,217
Federal	\$239,374
Match	\$59,843

University of Maryland College Park: Enhanced Mobility for the University Community

Acquire three vehicles to expand University of Maryland paratransit service on the College Park campus, for students and employees with temporary and permanent disabilities on.

Total Project	\$609,193
Federal	\$383,847
Match	\$225,346

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA): Specialized Paratransit Vehicle Acquisition

Replace twelve paratransit vehicles used to provide ADA-required MetroAccess service to eligible customers.

Total Project	\$558,824
Federal	\$475,000
Match	\$83,824

Regency Taxi: Accessible Vehicles

Acquire twelve wheelchair-accessible minivans to be used for general public taxi service by the MontCo Professional Drivers Union.

Total Project	\$468,750
Federal	\$375,000
Match	\$93,750

Approved Projects Funded by other Sources

Yellow Transportation LLC: Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Replacement and Addition

Funding Source: New Freedom

Replace six wheelchair-accessible cabs and acquire one 15-passenger van, plus preventative maintenance and equipment, to provide specialized transportation in DC. This project also received \$145,125 in Federal Enhanced Mobility funding.

Total Project	\$231,094
Federal	\$184,875
Match	\$46,219

Diamond Transportation Services: RouteSource

Funding Source: Job Access Reverse Commute

Acquire accessible vehicles and provide operating costs to support door-to-door transportation for individuals with disabilities going to employment sites.

Total Project	\$708,845
Federal	\$416,668
Match	\$292,177

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List of Past Enhanced Mobility Subrecipients

2014 Solicitation

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>FTA Amount</u>	<u>Total Project</u>
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Audio Maps of Key Metro Stations	\$248,715	\$310,894
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Northern Virginia Mobility Access Project	\$362,000	\$472,000
Jewish Council for the Aging	Expanded Mobility Management Program	\$178,862	\$223,578
Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services	Expanded Marketing of Transportation Options and Volunteer Driver Programs	\$138,902	\$196,247
Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services	Vehicle Replacement	\$219,441	\$274,302
Jewish Council for the Aging	Vehicle Replacement and Preventive Maintenance	\$226,934,	\$283,668
Yellow Transportation LLC	Wheelchair Accessible Cabs	\$235,900	297,500
ECHO	Vehicle Replacement	\$135,195	\$168,994
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT Inc.	Vehicle Replacement and Expansion	\$381,778	\$477,223
CHI Centers, Inc.	Vehicle Replacement	\$86,510	\$108,138
The Arc of Montgomery County	Vehicle Replacement	\$150,019	\$187,524
The Arc of Prince George's County	Vehicle Replacement and Expansion	\$128,600	\$160,749
Easter Seals Serving DC MD VA	Vehicle Expansion	\$60,020	\$75,025

