

# 2019 SOLICITATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

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# Purpose

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- Provide brief overview of program and upcoming solicitation.
- Help us spread the word!



# FTA Enhanced Mobility Program

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“Improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities...by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.”

- Provides matching grants that go above and beyond traditional public transit and ADA complementary paratransit service.



# Upcoming Solicitation Details

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- Pre-Application Conferences:  
**August - September, 2019**
- Solicitation dates:  
**September 1 - November 3, 2019**
- Funding:  
**Approximately \$5.6 million**  
*Possible additional \$1.3 million in reallocated dollars from prior fiscal years*



# Upcoming Solicitation Details, Cont'd.

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- Matching funds (identified by application):
  - Operating: **50%**
  - Capital and Mobility Management: **20%**
- Funding period: **2-years**



# Upcoming Solicitation Details, Cont'd.

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- Who can apply?  
**Non-profit agencies, private providers, transit agencies, and local governments**
- What type of projects?  
**Capital and operating grants that improve transportation for people with disabilities and older adults**
- Mandatory Pre-Application Conferences:  
**Dates TBD, expected in August – September 2019**



# Application Process: On-line System

- Application process and required documentation is extensive and comprehensive.

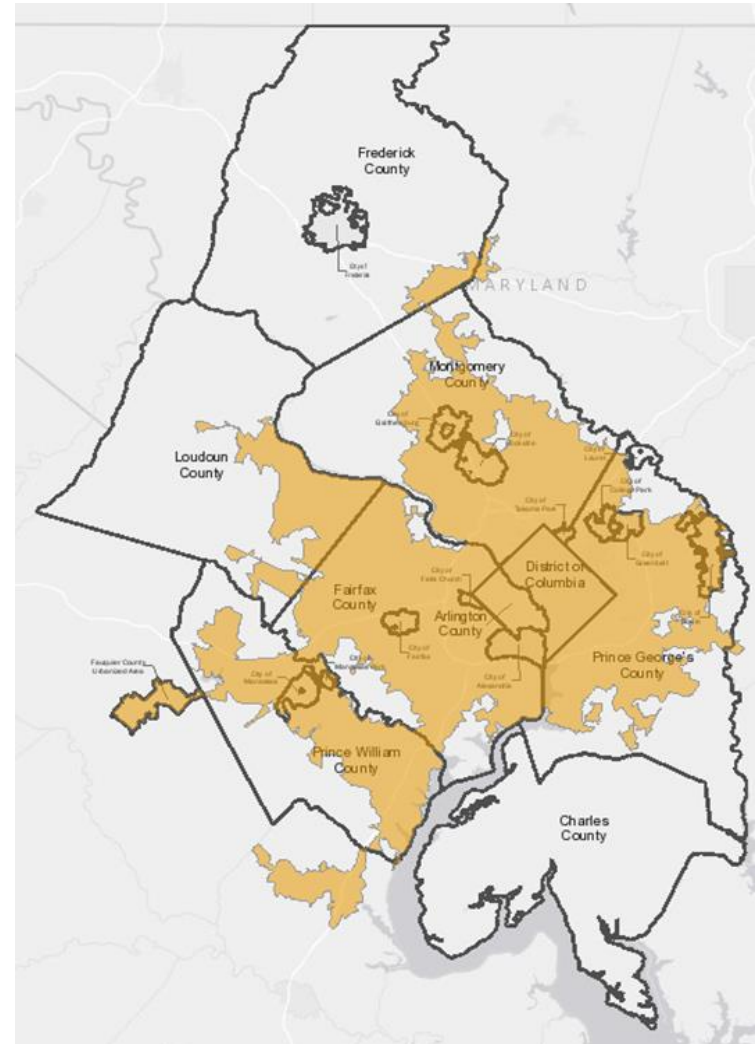
The screenshot displays the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOCG) online application portal. The header includes the MWCOCG logo and the slogan "One Region Moving Forward". The user is identified as Sergio Ritacco. The main navigation bar contains "Search", "Tools", "Communications", and "Reporting". The current page is titled "Application" and shows the user is logged in as "Administrators". The breadcrumb trail indicates the user is viewing an application for the "2017 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (5310) - Non-vehicle" under the category "Application for Projects Other than Vehicles - Enhanced Mobility 2017". A notification states "Fields with an asterisk (\*) are required." The "Opening Questions" section is expanded, showing the "DUNS Number" field. The text explains that a DUNS number is required for funding and provides instructions for users who do not have one. Below this is a text input field for the DUNS number. The "Administrator Comments" section is also visible. The "Authorizing Resolution\*" section explains that a governing body must adopt a resolution authorizing the agency to apply for an FTA grant. It includes instructions for users who cannot adopt a resolution until after the deadline, allowing them to upload a draft resolution. At the bottom of the form, there is an "Upload a file" button with a "1 MB allowed" restriction.



# Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area

**Projects must benefit  
populations in the  
Washington DC-VA-MD  
Urbanized Area**

See interactive map:  
[mwcog.org/enhancedmobility](http://mwcog.org/enhancedmobility)





# Selection Process

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- Selection Committee of local representatives and national experts; chaired by a TPB member
- Established by the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan
- Schedule:
  - **Funding recommendations to the TPB late-2019**
  - **TPB will approve early-2020**



# Selection Process

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- Selection Criteria include seven categories:
  - Coordination among agencies
  - Responsiveness to Coordinated Plan (includes scoring for priority projects)
  - Capacity to manage an FTA grant
  - Project feasibility
  - Regional need
  - **NEW Equity Emphasis Areas**
  - Customer focus



# Priority Projects

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Priorities confirmed by AFA Committee to respond to the most significant unmet transportation needs:

- Mobility Management
- Coordinated Planning Efforts
- Travel Training
- Door-through-door or Escorted Transportation Service
- Increase Access to Transit Stations
- Increase Wheelchair-Accessible Options in Taxi and Ride-Hailing Services
- Volunteer Driver Programs
- Tailored Transportation Service for Clients of Human Service Agencies (Vehicle Acquisition)



# What we are requesting from you

- Help TPB staff promote the grant opportunity.
- Engage TPB members to help spread the word.
- Visit: [mwcog.org/enhancedmobility](http://mwcog.org/enhancedmobility)



## ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM: 2019 GRANT SOLICITATION

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) will conduct a solicitation for applications for the Federal Transit Administration's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program from August - November 2019.

### Funding Amounts

Approximately \$5.6 million in federal funds will be available; possible additional \$1.3 million in reallocated dollars from prior fiscal years; funds must be matched by the applicant: 20% for capital or mobility management grants and 50% for operating grants. Matching funds must be identified by the time of application.

The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program enhances mobility for seniors and people with disabilities by providing matching grants for transportation services that go above and beyond traditional public transit and paratransit service.

### Eligibility

Non-profit agencies, private providers, transit agencies and local governments are eligible. Both capital and operating projects are eligible, but the project must serve the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area; detailed maps are at [mwcog.org/enhancedmobility](http://mwcog.org/enhancedmobility). For specific eligibility guidance, see the FTA circular 9070.1G or contact staff.

### Priority Projects

Priority Projects have been identified to address significant gaps in transportation for people with disabilities and older adults. The eight priority projects include travel training, mobility managers and taxi and shuttle services among others and can be found at [mwcog.org/enhancedmobility](http://mwcog.org/enhancedmobility). Applications responding to priority projects can receive additional points in the selection scoring process, which includes seven criteria totaling a maximum of 100 points.



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