



# National Capital Transportation Planning Board

## Enhanced Mobility Grant Solicitation-at-a-Glance

Anticipated: August 14 to October 24, 2015

### Program Background

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) is a new program created under the MAP-21 federal surface transportation act in 2013.

The program purpose is to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing matching grants for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

### Funding Amounts

**\$4.1 million** in federal funds are available for this solicitation; funds must be matched at 20% for capital or mobility management grants<sup>1</sup>, and 50% for operating grants.

The recommended grant application minimum is **\$250,000** (including the match and over a two-year period).

Matching Funds must be clearly identified and secured at the time of application (In-kind contributions **are not an** allowable source of match).

### On-Line Application

Applications will be submitted online; details and information at [www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org).

Check for the latest  
information at:  
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<sup>1</sup> FTA defines mobility management as short-range planning and management activities and grants for improving coordination among public transportation and other transportation service providers.

## Deadline

Applications must be electronically submitted by 2pm on October 24; **late or incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.**

## Pre-Application Conferences

Applicants **MUST** attend a pre-application conference and registration for these conferences is required. The conferences provide instructions on completing the on-line application and a review of Federal eligibility rules and program requirements. Dates and Locations to be determined; check [www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org) for this information later this summer.

## Priority Projects

Priority Projects have been identified to address significant gaps in transportation for people with disabilities and older adults. The [list](http://www.mwcog.org/tpbcoordination/documents/2014docs/2014_DescriptionofPriorityProjects.pdf) ([http://www.mwcog.org/tpbcoordination/documents/2014docs/2014\\_DescriptionofPriorityProjects.pdf](http://www.mwcog.org/tpbcoordination/documents/2014docs/2014_DescriptionofPriorityProjects.pdf)) includes travel training, mobility managers and taxi and shuttle services; descriptions can be found under “Resources” on the website. Priority projects are not weighted more heavily than other eligible projects and are subject to the same competitive selection criteria.

## Competitive Selection Process

An independent selection committee will make recommendations for funding based on the six selection criteria. The selection criteria are available on the website under “Resources” and include:

- Responsiveness to the four strategies in the TPB’s Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan;
- Demonstration of coordination among agencies and/or jurisdictions;
- Project feasibility and the
- Institutional capacity of the applicant to manage and administer an FTA grant.

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