

2017 SOLICITATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

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Purpose

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

FTA Enhanced Mobility Program

- Goal: “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.
- Since 2014 TPB has conducted two solicitations funding 34 projects over \$10 million.

Upcoming Solicitation Details

- Solicitation dates: August 14 through November 3, 2017
- Approximately \$5.5 million available
- Matching funds must be identified by the time of application:
 - 50% for Operating
 - 20% Capital and Mobility Management
- 2-years of grant funding
- Eligibility: Non-profit agencies, private providers, transit agencies, and local governments
- Project Eligibility: Capital and operating grants that improve transportation for people with disabilities and older adults

Upcoming Solicitation Details, Cont'd.

- **Mandatory Pre-Application Conferences**

Thursday, August 3, 1:30PM to 3:30 PM
Thomas Jefferson Library, Falls Church, VA

Wednesday, August 23, 2:00PM to 4:00 PM
COG Room 1, Washington, DC

Tuesday, August 8, 2:00PM to 4:00PM
COG Room 1, Washington, DC

Tuesday, August 29, 10:00AM to 12:00
COG Room 1, Washington, DC

Wednesday, August 16, 11:00AM to 1:00PM
MD-National Capital Park & Planning
Commission: Silver Spring, MD

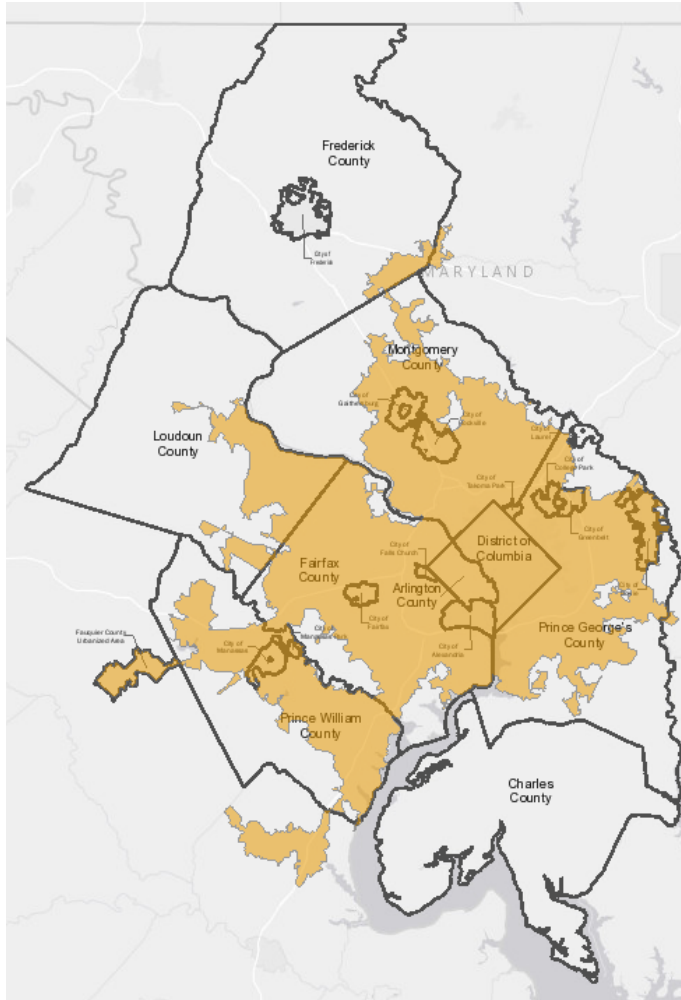
- **Conferences teach applicants about the application and selection process.**

Application Process: On-line System

- Application process and required documentation are **extensive** and **comprehensive**.
- Applicants must include:
 - Responses to selection criteria,
 - Capital and/or Operating Budgets, work plan, independent cost estimates, letter of commitment for matching funds; and
 - Vehicle Maintenance Plans, Title VI, DBE, ADA, EEO, Cell Phone policy and other certifications that the applicant can meet these FTA requirements.

The screenshot shows the web interface for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) online application system. The header includes the MWCOC logo and the tagline "One Region Moving Forward". The user is logged in as Sergio Ritacco. The main content area is titled "Application" and shows the breadcrumb path: "Process Manager / 2017 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (E310) - Non-vehicle / Application for Projects Other than Vehicles - Enhanced Mobility 2017 / Preview". A blue banner indicates "Fields with an asterisk (*) are required." The form includes sections for "Opening Questions", "DUNS Number" (with instructions and a text input field), "Administrator Comments" (with a dropdown arrow), and "Authorizing Resolution*" (with detailed instructions and an "Upload a file" button). The footer notes "Grant Management Software provided by Foundant Technologies © 2017".

Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area



- To be eligible, the project must end or begin in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area.
- See interactive map: www.tpbcoordination.org



Selection Process

- Established by the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan
- Independent Selection Committee of local representatives and national experts; chaired by a TPB member.
 - Selection Criteria include six categories:
 - Coordination among agencies
 - **Responsiveness to Coordinated Plan** (NEW: includes scoring for priority projects)
 - Capacity to manage an FTA grant
 - Project feasibility
 - Regional need
 - Customer focus
- Selection Committee will make funding recommendations to the TPB based on criteria in late 2017
- TPB will be asked to approve (Jan or Feb 2018)

Priority Projects

12 priorities confirmed by AFA Committee to respond to the most significant unmet transportation needs

- Mobility Manager at the Local Government Level
- Tailored Transportation Service (Vehicle Acquisition)
- Challenge Grant for Coordinated Planning Efforts
- Deviated Bus or Feeder Service
- Personal Mobility Counseling Services
- Use of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis
- Travel Training
- Shuttle or Taxi Service to Transit
- Door-through-Door Service
- Volunteer Driver Programs
- Sensitivity and Customer Service Training
- Bus Stop and Sidewalk Improvements

What we are requesting from you

1. Help TPB staff promote the grant opportunity.
2. Engage TPB members to help spread the word.

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for more information



ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM 2017 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. Applications will be accepted Monday, Aug. 14 through 2:00 P.M. Friday, Nov. 3, 2017.

FUNDING AMOUNTS

Approximately \$5.5 million in federal funds will be available. 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 persons 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 service must begin or end in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. Detailed maps are at tpbcoordination.org. 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 older adults and people with disabilities. The list of 12 priority projects includes travel training, mobility managers, and taxi and shuttle services, among others. Find the full list at bit.ly/2u3BDpy.

Applications that respond to any of the priority projects will receive up to 12 points in the selection process scoring which includes six criteria that total to a maximum of 100 points.



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