

# SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

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## Approval of Funding Recommendations and Amendment to the FY 2015-2020 TIP

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# 2015 Solicitation

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## Solicitation Basics

- Solicitation open August 14 through November 2, 2015
- \$5.0 million in Federal funding available
- Matching funds required
  - 20% for Capital Projects, 50% for Operating Projects

## Outreach

- Approximately 1,200 individuals received notice
- 5 pre-application conferences held
  - 1 in Silver Spring, 1 in Falls Church, 3 at COG





## 5 Types of Projects Recommended for Funding

- Transportation Voucher Programs
- Volunteer Driver Programs
- Wheelchair Accessible Cabs
- Travel Training
- Vehicle Acquisition



# Transportation Voucher Programs

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## Seabury Resources for Aging

ConnectorCard program expansion for use on taxis and services like Uber

- **Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia
- **Total Funding:** \$746K

## Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)

Wheels-to-Wellness Program (taxi vouchers for health-related trips)

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince William Co., City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park
- **Total Funding:** \$250K





# Testimonials



“Wheels-to-Wellness has helped me to take care of my health and be independent.

**Katie Lane**



“For someone on Social Security, and nothing but Social Security, (Wheels-to-Wellness) is a complete blessing...people don’t understand how good this program really is.”

**Sharri Burton**

**“ConnectorCard is a great asset for seniors; a wonderful opportunity. It enables seniors to get to the doctor on time and to keep their appointments”**

**Ann Wicker**

Ward 5, District of Columbia, 70 years old



# Volunteer Driver Programs

## Capitol Hill Village

Expand existing program, increase partnerships

- **Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia
- **Total Funding:** \$404K

## Jewish Council for the Aging

Volunteer Driver Resource Center (Pilot)

- **Geographic Focus:** Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia
- **Total Funding:** \$313K

## Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.

New volunteer driver program

- **Geographic Focus:** Southern Maryland
- **Total Funding:** \$266K



# Wheelchair Accessible Cabs

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY

### Professional Drivers Union

Operating support and dispatch

- **Total Funding:** \$285K

### Regency Taxi

12 vehicles operated by Drivers Union

- **Total Funding:** \$469K



## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### Liberty Transportation Mgt Corp

8 vehicles and operating support

- **Total Funding:** \$414K

### Yellow Transportation LLC

7 vehicles and 1 small bus

- **Total Funding:** \$413K\*

\*includes New Freedom Funds



# Travel Training

## Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind

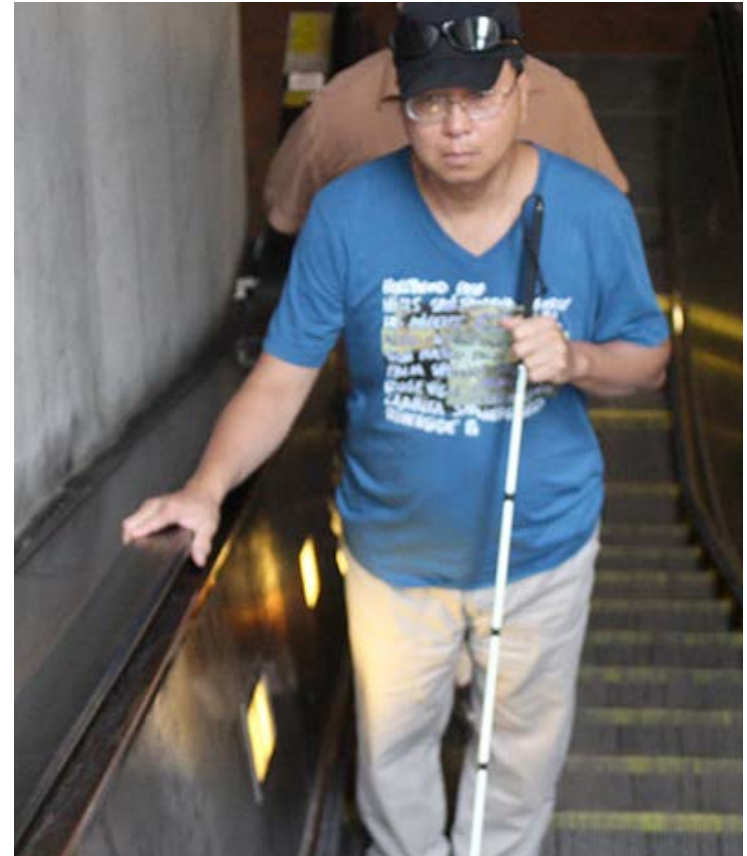
Orientation and Mobility training

- **Geographic Focus:** Regional
- **Total Funding:** \$385K

## The Arc of Northern Virginia

Train the Trainer in K-12 Schools

- **Geographic Focus:** Northern Virginia
- **Total Funding:** \$313K





# Vehicle Acquisition

## Woodley House, Inc.

- **Geographic Focus:** District of Columbia
- **Total Funding:** \$81K

## Arc of Prince George's County

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince George's Co.
- **Total Funding:** \$153K

## Jewish Council for the Aging

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery Co.
- **Total Funding:** \$339K

## Community Support Services

- **Geographic Focus:** Montgomery Co., City of Gaithersburg, City of Rockville
- **Total Funding:** \$453K



# Vehicle Acquisition



## University of Maryland, College Park

- **Geographic Focus:** UMCP Campus
- **Total Funding:** \$609K



## Arc of Greater Prince William

- **Geographic Focus:** Prince William Co., City of Manassas, City of Manassas Park, Fairfax Co.
- **Total Funding:** \$315K



## Fairfax Co. Neighborhood and Community Svcs.

- **Geographic Focus:** Fairfax Co., City of Fairfax, City of Falls Church
- **Total Funding:** \$299K

## Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

- **Geographic Focus:** Regional
- **Total Funding:** \$558K







**“We are thrilled our daughter is able to use The Arc transportation services...the drivers handle their job in a caring and professional way. Since our daughter needs a wheelchair accessible vehicle and close supervision while riding, we can’t tell you how comforting it is to have this peace of mind.”**

**Don and Darlene Smith**



# Other Funding Recommendations

## Sunrise of Maryland, Inc.

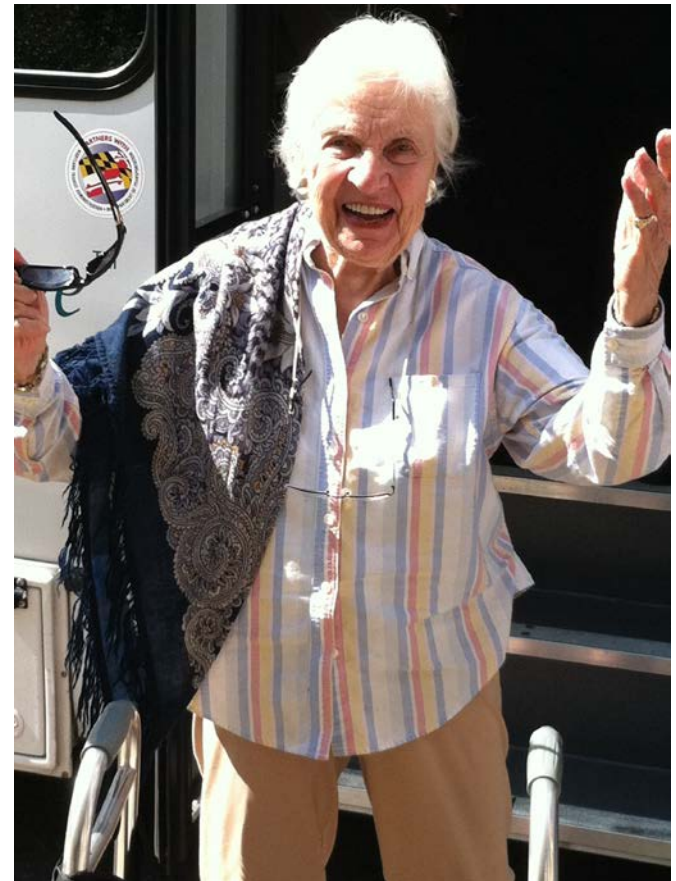
Accessibility improvements to day program facility for individuals with developmental disabilities

- **Geographic Focus:** Lanham, MD
- **Total Funding:** \$145K

## Diamond Transportation Services

Acquisition of vehicles and operating support for door-to-door transportation for work-related trips

- **Geographic Focus:** Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia
- **Total Funding:** \$708K (JARC)





# Summary

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- These **21 recommendations** would expend approximately \$5 million in Enhanced Mobility funds and \$600,000 in remaining JARC & New Freedom funds
- With the matching funds, **the projects total nearly \$8 million**
- Many of the projects will provide **alternatives to MetroAccess** and help reduce subsidies needed
- Applicants with projects not recommended for funding will receive a **letter with recommendations** for improvement
- Following TPB approval and TIP amendment, TPB staff will submit projects to **FTA for final approval**



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