2021 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 to prepare interested applicants in applying



FTA Enhanced Mobility Program

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

 Matching grants that go above and beyond traditional public transit and ADA complementary paratransit service



Upcoming Solicitation Details

- Pre-Application Conferences:
 June July 2021
- Solicitation dates:
 July 1 September 1, 2021
- Funding:Approximately \$6.3 million



Upcoming Solicitation Details, Cont'd.

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



Upcoming Solicitation Details, Cont'd.

- 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



Upcoming Solicitation Details, Cont'd.

Mandatory <u>Virtual</u> Pre-Application Conferences:

Thursday, June 3, 2021 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Thursday, June 24, 2021 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

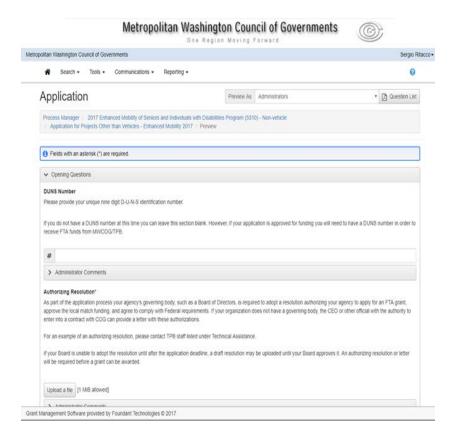
Monday, July 19, 2021 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM



Application Process: On-line System

 Application process and required documentation is extensive and comprehensive

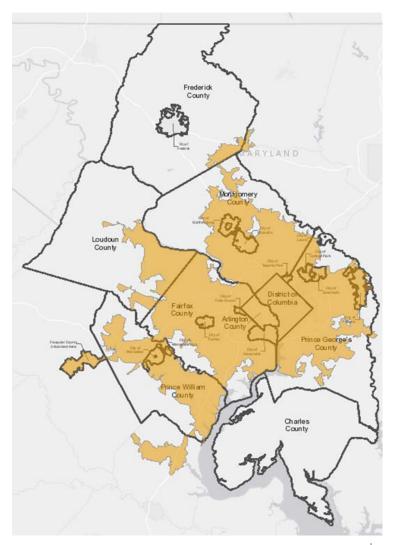




Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area

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

See interactive map: mwcog.org/enhancedmobility





Selection Process

- Selection Committee of local representatives and national experts; chaired by a TPB member
- Established by the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan
- Schedule:
 - TPB action to approve by Nov. or Dec. 2021



Selection Process

- 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
- Equity Emphasis Areas
- Customer focus



Priority Projects

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)



Learn More and Help Spread the Word

- 1. For more information: mwcog.org/enhancedmobility
- 2. Help TPB staff promote the grant opportunity in your communities



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