



# National Capital Transportation Planning Board

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

August 28, 2014 to October 17, 2014

### 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.

### Project and Geographic Eligibility

In addition to limiting the types of agencies eligible for Enhanced Mobility funding, Federal rules also limit the types of projects eligible for grant funding and the area to be served. Eligible recipients and activities are outlined in the [FTA](#)

### Funding Amounts and Eligible Recipients

**\$5.07 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.

**\$2.79 million** (55%) in Federal Funds for Capital grants sponsored by non-profits organization and local governments that meet certain conditions

**\$2.28 million** (45%) in Federal Funds for operating and capital grants; eligible recipients are non-profit organizations, local governments, transit agencies and private providers that meet certain conditions.

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).

Grant application is for a two-year project.

Visit the website for more information:

[www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org)

<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. Page I-3. New Freedom Circular, Program Guidance and Application Instructions. May 1, 2007. Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, FTA C 9045.1.

[Circular](#) (pages III-9 to III-15).<sup>2</sup> Examples of eligible projects include travel training, door-through-door escorted service and sensitivity training.

In order to be eligible for the TPB's Enhanced Mobility funding, **the proposed project or service must end or begin in the [Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area](#)** (<http://www.mwcog.org/tpbcoordination/resources/geography.asp>); the map can be found under "Resources" on the website [www.tpbcoordination.org](http://www.tpbcoordination.org).

Please contact TPB staff (information below) with any questions about eligibility.

### **Priority Projects**

Through a coordinated planning process, twelve Priority Projects for this solicitation 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)) 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.

### **On-Line Application**

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

### **Deadline**

Applications must be electronically submitted and are due by **Friday, October 17 at 2pm; late or incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.**

### **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; and the
- Institutional capacity of the applicant to manage and administer an FTA grant.

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<sup>2</sup> For circular, please see: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/legislation\\_law/12349\\_16011.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/legislation_law/12349_16011.html)

## 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 the required attachments, and a review of Federal eligibility rules and program requirements. You can register for one of the conferences by visiting [www.mwcog.org](http://www.mwcog.org) and going to the "Events Calendar". Should you have questions or difficulties with registering, please contact Lynn Winchell-Mendy ([lmendy@mwcog.org](mailto:lmendy@mwcog.org) or 202-962-3253).

### *Dates and Locations (Registration Required)*

Friday, September 12,  
2014  
2:00 – 3:30 pm

Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library  
7584 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22043  
703-790-8088

Register at [www.mwcog.org](http://www.mwcog.org) or [here](#)  
([https://www.mwcog.org/calendar/registration.asp?  
COMMITTEE\\_ID=208&EVENT\\_ID=8809](https://www.mwcog.org/calendar/registration.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=208&EVENT_ID=8809))

Tuesday, September 16,  
2014  
1:00-2:30pm

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission:  
Montgomery County  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-495-4500

Register at [www.mwcog.org](http://www.mwcog.org) or [here](#)  
[https://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/registration.asp?  
COMMITTEE\\_ID=208&EVENT\\_ID=8811](https://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/registration.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=208&EVENT_ID=8811)

Thursday, September 25,  
2014  
10:00-11:30am

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Boardroom)  
777 North Capitol Street, NE, Ste. 300  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-962-3200

Register at [www.mwcog.org](http://www.mwcog.org) or [here](#)  
[https://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/registration.asp?  
COMMITTEE\\_ID=208&EVENT\\_ID=8812](https://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/registration.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=208&EVENT_ID=8812)

Wednesday, October 1,  
2014  
11:00am-12:30pm

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Room 1)  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E, Ste. 300  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-962-3200

Register at [www.mwcog.org](http://www.mwcog.org) or [here](#)  
[https://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/registration.asp?COMMITTEE\\_ID=208&EVENT\\_ID=8813](https://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/registration.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=208&EVENT_ID=8813)

**Total Funding Amounts (Federal plus Match Funding)**

	<b>Federal Funding</b>	Total Funding (with 20% match):	Total Funding (with 50% match)
<b>Capital Grants for Non-Profit Organizations</b> or Local Governments that meet certain conditions (55%)	<b>\$2.79 Million</b>	\$3.35 Million	(not applicable)
<b>Operating or Capital grants</b> for local governments, transit agencies and private providers that meet certain conditions (45%)	<b>\$2.28 Million</b>	\$2.74 Million	\$3.42 Million

**Staff Contacts for Questions and Technical Assistance**

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**Alternative Formats and Accommodations**

Alternative formats of the application and this document are available upon request. Please contact Sergio Ritacco at [sritacco@mwcog.org](mailto:sritacco@mwcog.org) or 202-962-3232. TDD (202)-962-3213. Please allow seven working days for preparation of the material.