



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. Applicants must apply for a minimum grant request of \$150,000 in total funding (federal plus match).

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.

PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCES

Applicants must attend a pre-application conference and registration is required. Register at tpbcoordination.org.

- **Thursday, August 3**
1:30–3:30 P.M.
Thomas Jefferson Library, Falls Church, VA
- **Tuesday, August 8**
2:00–4:00 P.M.
COG, Washington, D.C.
- **Wednesday, August 16**
11:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.
Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Montgomery County, MD
- **Wednesday, August 23**
2:00–4:00 P.M.
COG, Washington, D.C.
- **Tuesday, August 29**
10:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.
COG, Washington, D.C.

COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS

An independent selection committee will make recommendations for funding to the TPB based on the six selection criteria that total a maximum of 100 points. The selection criteria can be found at tpbcoordination.org and include the following:

- Demonstration of coordination among agencies and/or jurisdictions
- Responsiveness to the TPB's Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan (Strategies and/or Priority Projects)
- Institutional capacity of the applicant to manage and administer an FTA grant including prior grant performance (if applicable)

If you have questions or need assistance, contact:

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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 (202) 962-3232 or sritacco@mwkog.org. TDD (202) 962-3213. Please allow seven working days for preparation of the material. If accommodations for people with disabilities are needed for the pre-application conferences, please also contact Sergio Ritacco.