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

**Program Goals**

The Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA’s) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) provides funding for transportation for people with disabilities and older adults who have difficulty using public transit or need improved access to it. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, (COG) as the administrative agent for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), is the designated recipient for this program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The program provides approximately $2.8 million per year in matching grants for non-profit organizations, local governments, transit agencies and private for-profit providers through matching grant funds for capital and operating expenses, for:

* Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
* Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA;
* Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on paratransit; and
* Alternatives to public transit that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation.

**The Coordinated Plan**

As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) charged with coordinating transportation planning and funding for the Metropolitan Washington region, the TPB has developed a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan. The Coordinated Plan identifies the unmet transportation needs of people with low-income, people with disabilities and older adults, lists priority projects for addressing the unmet needs, and outlines the competitive selection process for the grants. At least every two years, the TPB issues a [solicitation for grant applications.](http://www.tpbcoordination.org) For each solicitation, the Access for All Advisory Committee confirms priority projects identified in the Coordinated Plan. Past projects include many of those priorities: travel training, wheelchair accessible taxis, vehicle acquisition for non-profit organizations serving clients with developmental disabilities, and volunteer driver programs.

**Competitive Selection Process**

Enhanced Mobility projects were selected competitively by an independent selection committee from national and local organizations representing aging, disability, transit and human service transportation, using selection criteria identified in the Coordinated Plan.

# 2015 Enhanced Mobility Grants Selected to Receive

# Federal Enhanced Mobility Funding

*In January 2016, the TPB approved 21 projects to receive approximately $5 million in federal and local matching grant funds under Enhanced Mobility. The projects were selected based in part on how well they address unmet regional needs identified in the 2014 update of the region’s Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan.*

**Seabury Resources for Aging: ConnectorCard Program:**

*Subsidize transportation on taxis and services like Uber for DC residents 60 & older who have low-incomes.*

Total Project $746,232

Federal $373,116

Match $373,116

**Capitol Hill Village: Get Smart about Transportation**

*Enhance and improve volunteer transportation services for Capitol Hill Village and other villages in DC that serve older adults aging in place.*

Total Project $403,729

Federal $322,983

Match $80,746

**Jewish Council for the Aging: Volunteer Driver Resource Center**

*Support new and existing volunteer driver programs in Montgomery and Prince George’s counties in Maryland by providing technical assistance and resources such as shared ride-scheduling software.*

Total Project $312,500

Federal $250,000

Match $62,500

**Montgomery County Professional Drivers Union. Department of Health and Human Services: MontCo Union Taxi Co-operative**

*Support operating costs, dispatch, training and marketing of a new taxi co-op serving Montgomery County, Maryland in partnership with Regency Taxi.*

Total Project $284,750

Federal $159,790

Match $124,960

**Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (CLB): Orientation & Mobility for All (OMA)**

*Continue Orientation & Mobility (O&M) travel training on public transportation for people who are blind, visually impaired and deaf blind and maintain internship program to train more O&M travel trainers.*

Total Project $385,418

Federal $308,334

Match $77,084

**Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.: Southern Maryland Rides**

*Start-up a volunteer driver program that provides rides to medical appointments for people with disabilities and older adults.*

Total Project $266,290

Federal $133,145

Match $133,145

**Sunrise of Maryland, Inc.: Adult Day Program Capital Accessibility Improvements**

*Improve access to new Adult Day Training Program building by enlarging main entrance to accommodate wheelchairs, installing ADA openers on three doors, and building a steel canopy over entrance.*

Total Project $145,310

Federal $116,248

Match $29,062

**The Arc of Northern Virginia: Train the Travel Trainer Program**

*Continue train the travel trainer programming for staff at K-12 schools, non-profit and other organizations serving seniors and people with disabilities, who in turn train participants in the use of public transit.*

Total Project $312,500

Federal $250,000

Match $62,500

**Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC): Wheels to Wellness**

*Subsidize transportation services for health-related trips by taxi for seniors 80 & older and people with disabilities who do not qualify for Medicaid non-emergency transportation.*

Total Project $250,000

Federal $125,000

Match $125,000

# Vehicle Acquisition Grants

**Woodley House, Inc.: Van Acquisition Project:**

*Replace two minivans and fund preventative maintenance of vehicles to be used to transport chronically mentally ill, homeless, and older adults in DC.*

Total Project $80,734

Federal $64,587

Match $16,147

**Yellow Transportation LLC: Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Replacement and Addition**

*Replace six wheelchair-accessible cabs and acquire one 15-passenger van, plus preventative maintenance and equipment, to provide specialized transportation in DC.*

Total Project $181,407

Federal $145,125

Match $36,282

*This project also received $184,875 in Federal New Freedom funding.*

**Liberty Transportation Management Corporation: Operation Transport**

*Acquire eight wheelchair-accessible cabs to operate in the District of Columbia, plus preventative maintenance and operating costs.*

Total Project $414,372

Federal $330,000

Match $84,372

**The Arc of Prince George’s County: CommunityLinks**

*Acquire four wheelchair-accessible minvans for a new service that connects individuals with intellectual disabilities to community-based programming.*

Total Project $152,667

Federal $122,133

Match $30,534

**Jewish Council for the Aging: Replacement and Expansion of JCA Elderbuses**

*Replace two vehicles used for specialized transportation programming and acquire one new vehicle to provide seniors and people with disabilities with group trips.*

Total Project $338,685

Federal $270,948

Match $67,737

**Community Support Services: Expansion of Transportation Options for Individuals Supported by CSS**

*Acquire twelve minivans to expand transport of people with disabilities to therapeutic programs, community based activities, and evening and weekend residential support activities.*

Total Project $453,410

Federal $362,728

Match $90,682

**University of Maryland College Park: Enhanced Mobility for the University Community**

*Acquire three vehicles to expand University of Maryland paratransit service on the College Park campus, for students and employees with temporary and permanent disabilities on.*

Total Project $609,193

Federal $383,847

Match $225,346

**Regency Taxi: Accessible Vehicles**

*Acquire twelve wheelchair-accessible minivans to be used for general public taxi service by the MontCo Professional Drivers Union.*

Total Project $468,750

Federal $375,000

Match $93,750

**The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.: Acquisition of Vehicles**

*Replace three vehicles and acquire two vehicles, plus GPS systems and safety cameras, to transport of clients with moderate to severe developmental disabilities.*

Total Project $315,480

Federal $252,384

Match $63,096

**Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services: Human Services Transportation 5310 Bus Replacement**

*Replace five vehicles for County’s human service transportation program that provides coordinated door-to-door service for residents with physical and cognitive disabilities, and older adults.*

Total Project $299,217

Federal $239,374

Match $59,843

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA): Specialized Paratransit Vehicle Acquisition**

*Replace twelve paratransit vehicles used to provide ADA-required MetroAccess service to eligible customers.*

Total Project $558,824

Federal $475,000

Match $83,824

# Approved Projects Funded by other Sources

**Yellow Transportation LLC: Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Replacement and Addition**

**Funding Source:** New Freedom

*Replace six wheelchair-accessible cabs and acquire one 15-passenger van, plus preventative maintenance and equipment, to provide specialized transportation in DC. This project also received $145,125 in Federal Enhanced Mobility funding.*

Total Project $231,094

Federal $184,875

Match $46,219

**Diamond Transportation Services: RouteSource**

**Funding Source:** Job Access Reverse Commute

*Acquire accessible vehicles and provide operating costs to support door-to-door transportation for individuals with disabilities going to employment sites.*

Total Project $708,845

Federal $416,668

Match $292,177

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# List of Past Enhanced Mobility Subrecipients

2014 Solicitation

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind - Audio Maps of Key Metro Stations

Federal $248,715

Total Project $310,894

Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services - Northern Virginia Mobility Access Project

Federal $362,000

Total Project $472,000

Jewish Council for the Aging - Expanded Mobility Management Program

Federal $178,862

Total Project $223,578

Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services - Expanded Marketing of Transportation Options and Volunteer Driver Programs

Federal $138,902

Total Project $196,247

Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services - Vehicle Replacement

Federal $219,441

Total Project $274,302

Jewish Council for the Aging - Vehicle Replacement and Preventive Maintenance

Federal $226,934

Total Project $283,668

Yellow Transportation LLC - Wheelchair Accessible Cabs

Federal $235,900

Total Project $297,500

ECHO - Vehicle Replacement

Federal $135,195

Total Project $168,994

The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT Inc. - Vehicle Replacement and Expansion

Federal $381,778

Total Project $477,223

CHI Centers, Inc. - Vehicle Replacement

Federal $86,510

Total Project $108,138

The Arc of Montgomery County - Vehicle Replacement

Federal $150,019

Total Project $187,524

The Arc of Prince George’s County - Vehicle Replacement and Expansion

Federal $128,600

Total Project $160,749

Easter Seals Serving DC|MD|VA - Vehicle Replacement

Federal $60,020

Total Project $75,025