



Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) - Projects Funded - **DRAFT**



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 \$3 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 National Capital region, the TPB has developed a Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan. The Coordinated Plan identifies the unmet transportation needs of people with disabilities and older adults, lists priority projects for addressing the unmet needs, and outlines the competitive selection process for the Enhanced Mobility Program. Every two years, the TPB issues a [solicitation for grant applications](#). 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.

*49 PROJECTS FUNDED,
TOTALING ALMOST \$18 MILLION*

2017 Solicitation – Projects Funded

In January 2017, the TPB approved 17 projects to receive approximately \$7.7 million in federal and local matching grant funds under Enhanced Mobility and New Freedom.

Capitol Hill Village: Getting Smarter About Transportation for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

Continuation and expansion of the currently funded “Get Smart about Transportation” program, with a more robust door-to-door volunteer driver program for D.C. “Villages”, mobility counseling, travel training and the use of peer mentors (“Travel Buddies”). “Villages” provide support to older adults, so they can age in place in their own homes.

Total Project	\$667,932
Federal	\$534,345
Match	\$133,587

Jewish Council for the Aging: The Network for Volunteer Driving of Greater Washington (NVD)

Continuation of the currently funded “Volunteer Driver Resource Center”, with expansion to Northern Virginia and underserved parts of Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties. The network will provide support for program development, resources such as bulk background checks and shared ride scheduling software, training, and technical assistance

Total Project	\$644,427
Federal	\$515,540
Match	\$128,887

Jewish Council for the Aging: Preventive Maintenance for JCA ElderBuses

Preventive maintenance for the JCA Elderbus fleet, used to transports older adults and people with disabilities to adult day programming, shopping and activity and wellness programs at area senior centers

Total Project	\$82,800
Federal	\$66,240
Match	\$16,560

Montgomery County Department of Transportation: Call and Ride Supplemental Assistance

Subsidizing the monthly co-payment for Call-n-Ride, an existing taxi voucher program that provides rides to qualifying older adults and people with disabilities in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Total Project	\$1,108,860
Federal	\$554,430
Match	\$554,430

Arc of Northern Virginia: Expanding the Scope of Mobility Options in the Washington Metropolitan Region

Expand the reach of the currently funded “Train the Travel Trainer” program aimed at embedding travel training for individuals with intellectual disabilities in existing organizations using a specialized software program that provides step by step guidance.

Total Project	\$374,959
Federal	\$299,967
Match	\$74,992

**Dulles Area Transportation Association:
DATA's Enhanced Mobility Program for Seniors
and Individuals with Disabilities**

Recruit bilingual Spanish-speaking volunteers and drivers in partnership with existing transportation services in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties in Virginia and provide travel training, information about mobility options, and driver training in Spanish.

Total Project	\$187,912
Federal	\$150,330
Match	\$37,582

**this project is in partnership with Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services*

Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services: Fairfax Mobility Access Project (FX MAP)

Continuation and expansion of an existing grant to promote travel training in the community, provide more information about transportation options and improve the call center. Project will be coordinated with DATA and Boat People, SOS.

Total Project	\$488,062
Federal	\$390,450
Match	\$97,612

City of Rockville: Rockville Bus Stop & Sidewalk Improvements

Improve access to public transportation within the City of Rockville by constructing missing sidewalk segments and Ride-On bus stops. Improvements include meeting ADA requirements, installing shelters, shelter benches, leaning rails, and relocation of garbage cans and other equipment to clear pathways.

Total Project	\$495,000
Federal	\$396,000
Match	\$99,000

Vehicle Acquisition Grants

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

Five buses to provide specialized transportation services for participants of human service agency programs, including travel to senior centers, adult day programs and health care centers.

Total Project	\$312,500
Federal	\$250,000
Match	\$62,500

Easter Seals DC MD VA: Adult Medical Day Transportation Services at Easter Seals Silver Spring Inter-Generational Center

Four vehicles to transport clients (older adults and people with disabilities) to participate in Easter Seals' programs.

Total Project	\$275,000
Federal	\$220,000
Match	\$55,000

Community Support Services: Alternative Transportation Options for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Supported By CSS

Six wheelchair-accessible minivans to transport clients with severe intellectual and physical disabilities to day and therapeutic programs, community-based activities, and evening and weekend residential support activities in Montgomery County, Maryland

Total Project	\$246,937
Federal	\$197,550
Match	\$49,387

**this subrecipient also received New Freedom funding for vehicles*

ECHO: Enhancing ECHO's Transportation Fleet

Four buses to provide clients with intellectual disabilities transportation to and from day program sites and community engagement activities in Fairfax and Loudoun County, Virginia

Total Project	\$262,818
Federal	\$210,254
Match	\$52,564

Arc of Prince George's County: Community Learning Services (CLS)

Eleven wheelchair-accessible minivans to take people with intellectual disabilities in group home settings, on small-group outings.

Total Project	\$395,500
Federal	\$316,400
Match	\$79,100

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

22 paratransit vehicles to replace a portion of the aging MetroAccess fleet used to provide the ADA-required paratransit service for people unable to use Metrorail and Metrobus.

Total Project	\$1,262,250
Federal	\$222,750
Match	\$1,485,000

Approved Projects Funded by other Sources

University of Maryland College Park: Vehicle Equipment

Funding Source: New Freedom

Radios and GPS units for vehicles used as part of the college's paratransit service.

Total Project	\$21,000
Federal	\$16,800
Match	\$4,200

**this subrecipient also received Enhanced Mobility (1) funding for vehicles this equipment will be installed on*

Boat People SOS, Inc: Road to Independence through Savings and Education (RISE)-Senior Transportation

Funding Source: New Freedom

Group and one-on-one training sessions on fixed-route services and other transportation options and development of a culturally and linguistically appropriate transportation guidebook for the Vietnamese-speaking population in Northern Virginia.

Total Project	\$85,077
Federal	\$68,061
Match	\$17,016

**this project is in partnership with Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services*

The Arc of Prince William County, INSIGHT, Inc: Portable Wheelchairs

Funding Source: New Freedom

Portable wheelchairs to be used on vehicles for adults with disabilities who do not require full-time wheelchair use but need additional support.

Total Project	\$1,500
Federal	\$1,200
Match	\$300

Community Support Services: Alternative Transportation Options for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Supported By CSS

Funding Source: New Freedom

Three wheelchair-accessible minivans to transport clients with severe intellectual and physical disabilities to day and therapeutic programs, community-based activities, and evening and weekend residential support activities in Montgomery County, Maryland

Total Project	\$123,469
Federal	\$98,775
Match	\$24,694

**this subrecipient also received Enhanced Mobility funding for additional vehicles*

The Arc of Prince William County, INSIGHT, Inc: Acquisition of Vehicles

Funding Source: Enhanced Mobility (2)

Six replacement vehicles to transport adults with disabilities from their employment, mobile work training and adult day program sites, medical appointments, and community integration activities.

Total Project	\$344,565
Federal	\$275,652
Match	\$68,913

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

Funding Source: Enhanced Mobility (2)

Replacement of five vehicles as part of the college's paratransit service which provides scheduled circulation service for students, employees and visitors with disabilities on the campus and to the College Park Metro station.

Total Project	\$200,807
Federal	\$160,645
Match	\$40,162

**this subrecipient also received New Freedom funding for equipment related to these vehicles*

Jewish Council for the Aging: Replacement and Operating of JCA ElderBuses

Funding Source: Enhanced Mobility (2)

Two replacement vehicles for JCA's Elderbus service which transports older adults and people with disabilities to adult day programming, shopping and activity and wellness programs at area senior centers.

Total Project	\$123,411
Federal	\$98,728
Match	\$24,683

**this subrecipient also received New Freedom funding for preventive maintenance funds related to these vehicles*

2015 Solicitation – Projects Funded

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>FTA Amount</u>	<u>Total Project</u>
Seabury Resources for Aging	ConnectorCard Program	DC	\$378,693	\$757,386
Capitol Hill Village	Get Smart about Transportation	DC	\$322,982	\$403,728
Jewish Council for the Aging	Volunteer Driver Resource Center	MD	\$249,999	\$312,499
Montgomery County Professional Drivers Union	MontCo Union Taxi Co-op	MD	\$331,706	\$495,181
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Orientation & Mobility for All (OMA)	MD	\$308,334	\$385,418
Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.	Southern Maryland Rides	MD	\$133,145	\$266,290
Sunrise of Maryland, Inc.	Adult Day Program Capital Accessibility Improvements	MD	\$116,248	\$145,130
The Arc of Northern Virginia	Train the Travel Trainer Program	VA	\$250,000	\$312,500
Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission	Wheels to Wellness	VA	\$125,000	\$250,000
Woodley House, Inc.	Van Acquisition Project	DC	\$60,626	\$75,782
The Arc of Prince George's County	CommunityLinks	MD	\$113,002	\$141,253
Jewish Council for the Aging	Replacement and Expansion of JCA Elderbuses	MD	\$267,838	\$334,796
Community Support Services	Expansion of Transportation Options for Individuals Supported by CSS	MD	\$362,728	\$453,410
University of Maryland, College Park	Enhanced Mobility for the University Community	MD	\$370,230	\$595,183
Regency Taxi	Accessible Vehicles	MD	\$183,819	\$234,238
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Acquisition of Vehicles	VA	\$252,383	\$315,480
Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services	Human Services Transportation 5310 Bus Replacement	VA	\$228,547	\$285,684

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)	Specialized Paratransit Vehicle Acquisition	DC	\$475,000	\$558,824
Diamond Transportation Services (JARC)	RouteSource	VA	\$416,688	\$678,139

2014 Solicitation – Projects Funded

Grantee	Project	State	FTA Amount	Total Project
Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind	Audio Maps of Key Metro Stations	regional	\$248,715	\$310,894
Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Northern Virginia Mobility Access Project	VA	\$362,000	\$472,000
Jewish Council for the Aging	Expanded Mobility Management Program	MD	\$178,862	\$223,578
Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services	Expanded Marketing of Transportation Options and Volunteer Driver Programs	MD	\$138,902	\$196,247
Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services	Vehicle Replacement	VA	\$219,441	\$274,302
Jewish Council for the Aging	Vehicle Replacement and Preventive Maintenance	MD	\$226,934,	\$283,668
Yellow Transportation LLC	Wheelchair Accessible Cabs	DC	\$235,900	297,500
ECHO	Vehicle Replacement	VA	\$135,195	\$168,994
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT Inc.	Vehicle Replacement and Expansion	VA	\$381,778	\$477,223
CHI Centers, Inc.	Vehicle Replacement	MD	\$86,510	\$108,138
The Arc of Montgomery County	Vehicle Replacement	MD	\$150,019	\$187,524
The Arc of Prince George's County	Vehicle Replacement and Expansion	MD	\$128,600	\$160,749
Easter Seals Serving DC MD VA	Vehicle Expansion	regional	\$60,020	\$75,025

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