

2019 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.”

- Provides matching grants that go above and beyond traditional public transit and ADA complementary paratransit service.



Upcoming Solicitation Details

- Pre-Application Conferences:
August - September, 2019
- Solicitation dates:
September 1 - November 3, 2019
- Funding:
Approximately \$5.6 million
Possible additional \$1.3 million in reallocated dollars from prior fiscal years



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 Pre-Application Conferences:**

Thursday, August 1, 2019

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

MWCOG Room 1

Washington, DC

**Wednesday, September 4,
2019**

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

MWCOG Training Center

Washington, DC

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tyson-Pimmit Library

Fairfax, VA

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

MWCOG Room 1

Washington, DC

Week of August 18, 2019

Suburban Maryland

Time and Location TBD!



Application Process: On-line System

- Application process and required documentation is extensive and comprehensive.

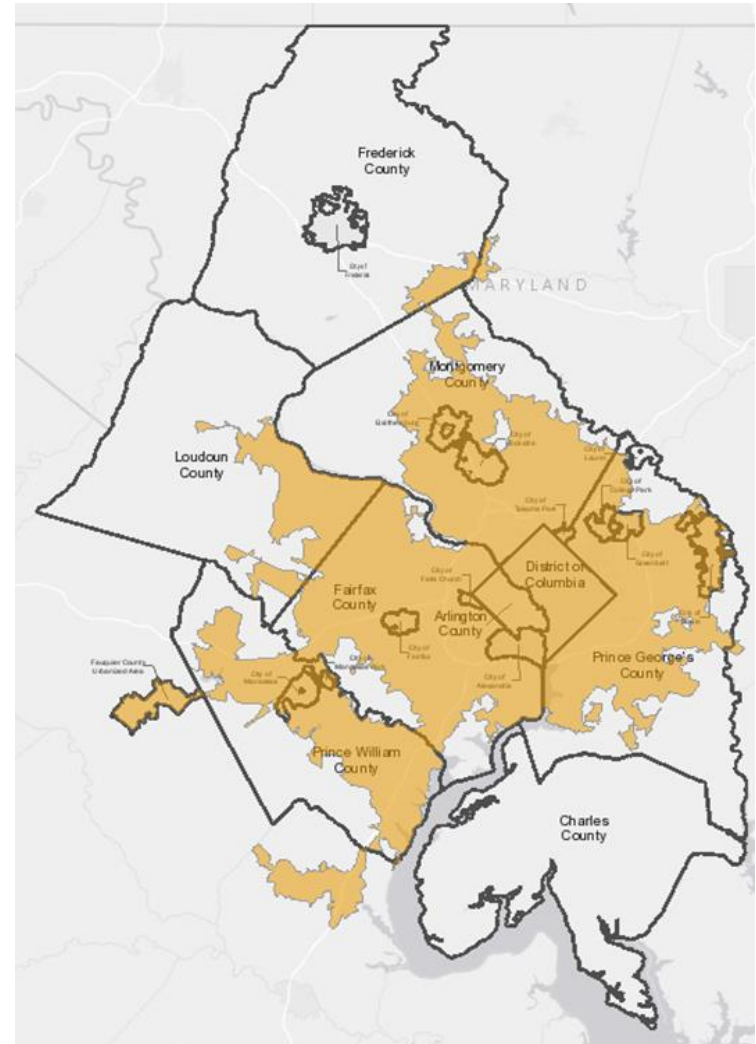
The screenshot displays the web interface for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOCG) online application system. At the top, the MWCOCG logo and tagline "One Region Moving Forward" are visible, along with the name "Sergio Ritacco" in the top right corner. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with "Search", "Tools", "Communications", and "Reporting" options. The main content area is titled "Application" and includes a "Preview As" dropdown menu set to "Administrators" and a "Question List" button. The application details show the "Process Manager" as "2017 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (5310) - Non-vehicle" and the "Application for Projects Other than Vehicles - Enhanced Mobility 2017". A blue banner indicates "Fields with an asterisk (*) are required." The "Opening Questions" section is expanded, showing the "DUNS Number" field with instructions: "Please provide your unique nine digit D-U-N-S identification number." Below this is a text input field with a "#" symbol. The "Administrator Comments" section is also visible. The "Authorizing Resolution*" section contains detailed instructions: "As part of the application process your agency's governing body, such as a Board of Directors, is required to adopt a resolution authorizing your agency to apply for an FTA grant, approve the local match funding, and agree to comply with Federal requirements. If your organization does not have a governing body, the CEO or other official with the authority to enter into a contract with COG can provide a letter with these authorizations." It also provides contact information for technical assistance and states that a draft resolution may be uploaded until the board approves it. At the bottom of the form, there is an "Upload a file" button with a "1 MB allowed" restriction. The footer of the page reads "Grant Management Software provided by Foundant Technologies © 2017".



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:
 - **Funding recommendations to the TPB late-2019**
 - **TPB action to approve in early-2020**



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
 - **NEW 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

- For more information:
mwcog.org/enhancedmobility
- Help TPB staff promote the grant opportunity.
- Engage TPB members to help spread the word.



ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM: 2019 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 from August - November 2019.

Funding Amounts

Approximately \$5.6 million in federal funds will be available; possible additional \$1.3 million in reallocated dollars from prior fiscal years; 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.

The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program enhances mobility for seniors and people 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 project must serve the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area; detailed maps are at mwcog.org/enhancedmobility. 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 people with disabilities and older adults. The eight priority projects include travel training, mobility managers and taxi and shuttle services among others and can be found at mwcog.org/enhancedmobility. Applications responding to priority projects can receive additional points in the selection scoring process, which includes seven criteria totaling a maximum of 100 points.



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