



TPB SOLICITATION FOR ENHANCED MOBILITY GRANT APPLICATIONS & PRIORITY PROJECTS

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program

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Update to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan for the National Capital Region

By
National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board
November 19, 2014

- Updated in 2014; adopted by TPB
- Guidance from AFA Committee and Human Service Transportation Task Force
- Required by the Federal Transit Agency (FTA)
- Provides the framework for COG/TPB implementation of the Enhanced Mobility grant program

Strategies in the Coordinated Plan

- I. Coordinate Transportation Services And Programs
- II. Provide Customer-Focused Services, Improve Marketing and Training
- III. Improve the Accessibility and Reliability Existing Services
- IV. Develop And Implement Additional Transportation Options



Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Program

Goal: “Improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities....by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available”

FTA requires that grant projects respond to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan – “priorities for implementation”

Enhanced Mobility Solicitation for Grant Applications



Upcoming TPB Solicitation

- Approximately \$4.5 million available
- Dates: mid-August launch with early November due date
- Solicitation announced via email and www.tpbcoordination.org
- Pre-Application Conferences will be held in August and are mandatory (Dates and locations TBD)
- Applications will be for 2- years of grant funding
- Match- Grant applicants must identify matching funds by the time of application
 - 50% for Operating
 - 20% Capital and Mobility Management



Grant Eligibility and Requirements

FTA Requirements:

- Limited Project eligibility and recipients
- Reporting and administrative requirements
e.g. Ridership, asset conditions, vehicle inventories, procurement, Title VI

TPB/COG Requirements:

- Minimum request of \$150,000 over 2 years
- Vehicle insurance - \$1.5 million in general and auto liability
- Ineligible costs in grant budget: indirect costs; No overhead such as rent, utilities, internet, phone
- No in-kind match is allowed

NOTE: Estimated Grant Start Date: Between July and September 2018

Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area



- To be eligible for COG/TPB's Enhanced Mobility funding, the project must end or begin in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- Zip code maps by Jurisdiction will be available



Selection Process

- Independent Selection Committee
 - Convened by TPB member
 - Local human service and transit representatives
 - National organizations with expertise in transportation for people with disabilities and older adults
- Applications are scored based on Selection Criteria and Committee makes funding recommendations to the TPB
- TPB asked to approve Recommendations (*Jan or Feb 2018*)

Selection Criteria

Maximum Points = 100

- Responsiveness to Coordinated Plan -**20** (Applications that are Priority Projects can score up to 12 points out of the 20)
- Coordination Among Agencies -**25**
- Institutional Capacity to Manage & Administer an FTA grant -**20**
- Project Feasibility- **15**
- Regional Need (serves more than one jurisdiction)- **10**
- Customer Focus -**10**

Priority Projects

12 priorities previously developed by HSTC Task Force and AFA Committee to respond to strategies for addressing unmet transportation needs

Applications that respond to Priority Projects can score higher; however:

- Applicants can propose other projects eligible (per FTA)
- Project selection is dependent on applications received

Priority Projects for the Solicitation



Priority Projects

- A. Mobility Manager Positions at the Local Government Level
(Mobility Management at the Systems Level)
- B. Challenge Grant for Coordinated Planning Efforts
- C. Personal Mobility Counseling Services
(Mobility Management at the Individual Level)
- D. Travel Training

Priority Projects

- E. Door-through-Door or Escorted Transportation Service
- F. Expanded and On-Going Sensitivity and Customer Service Training for Taxi, Bus & Paratransit Drivers
- G. Shuttle or Taxi service to Bus Stops and Rail Stations
- H. Bus Stop and Sidewalk Improvements

Priority Projects

- I. Deviated Bus or Feeder Service for Targeted Area or Population Groups
- J. Wheelchair-Accessible Taxis
- K. Volunteer Driver Programs
- L. Tailored Transportation Service (e.g. Vehicle Acquisition)

Priority Projects

Ranking of Priority Projects:

- AFA Committee Members are being asked to rank the Priority Projects for the upcoming Solicitation
- Depending on outcome, there may be less Priority Projects but someone could still apply for a project that isn't on the list
- **Homework**: Complete ranking and return to Lynn Winchell-Mendy by May 25, 2017

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 - Slide Vehicle Inspection at Sonny Merryman facility (Lynn Winchell-Mendy, COG)
 - Wheelchair accessible taxi in DC (TransCo)