

ITEM 9 – Information

December 18, 2019

Status Report on the 2019 Enhanced Mobility Grant Program

Background:

COG is the designated recipient of the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. The board will be briefed on the 2019 solicitation and on the status of the selection process. The board is scheduled to approve funding recommendations at its January meeting.

FTA SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM

Providing matching grants for projects serving Older Adults and People with Disabilities

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Purpose

- Provide an overview of the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program
- Review solicitation process
- TPB action in January to approve funding recommendations

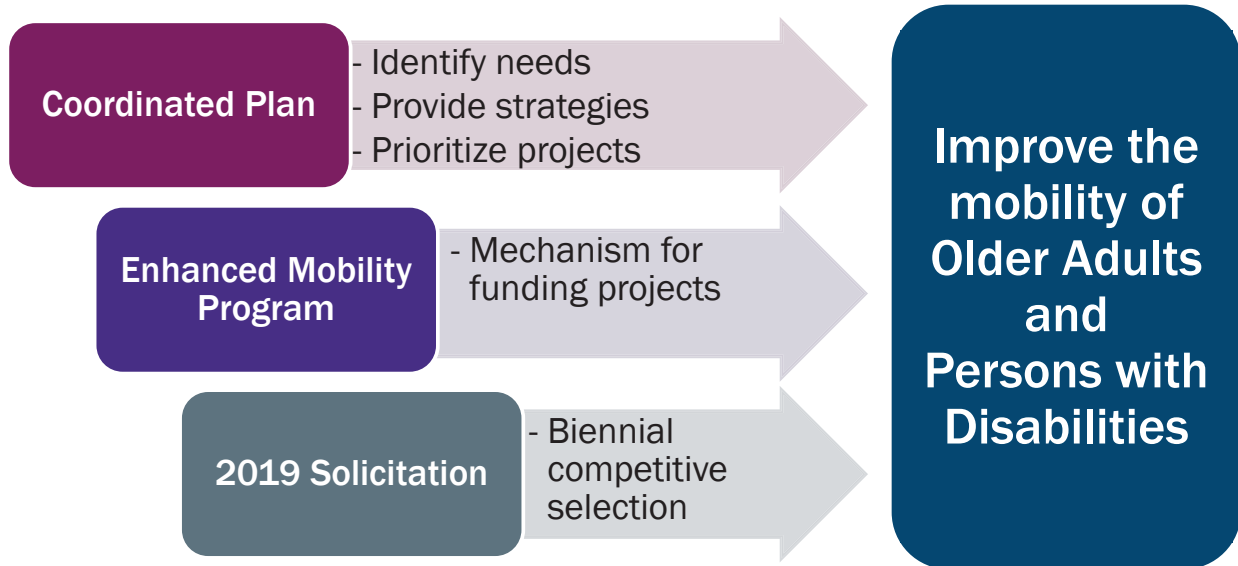


Source: Arc of Greater Prince William



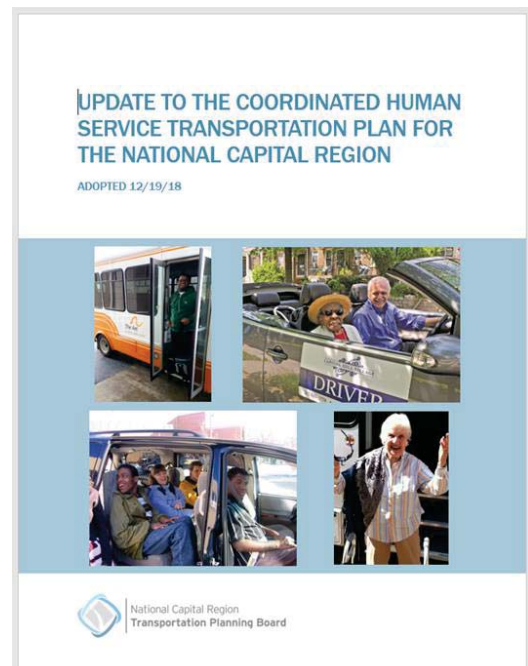
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Process and Goal

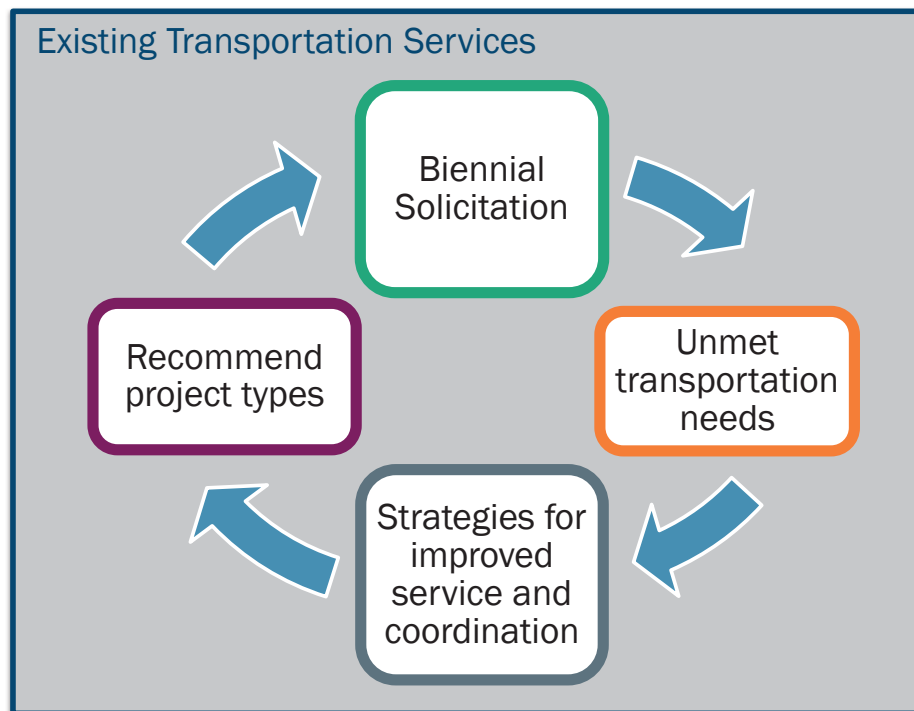


Coordinated Plan

- FTA required plan to guide implementation of the Enhanced Mobility program
- Updated every 4 years
- Guided with input from TPB's Access for All Advisory Committee



Tackling Unmet Need



Tackling Unmet Need - Strategies

- I. Expand availability and coordination of transportation options
- II. Increase awareness of existing transportation services
- III. Improve accessibility of transportation options
- IV. Make transportation options more affordable and sustainable



Source: Jewish Council for the Aging VillageRides

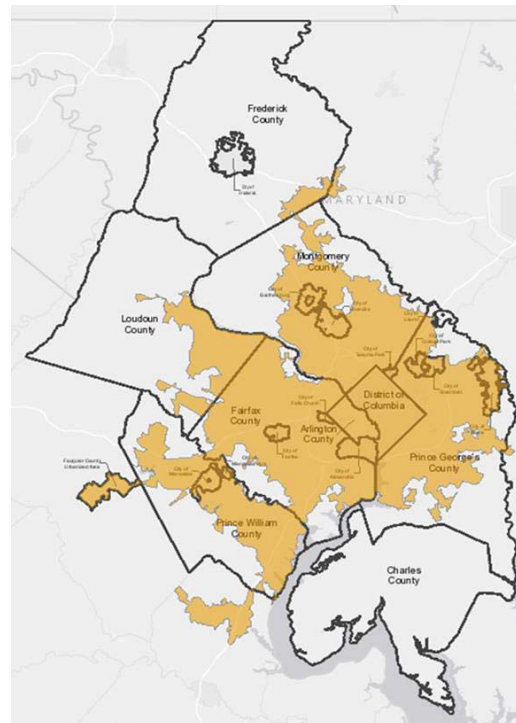


Tackling Unmet Need - Priority Projects

- 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)

Enhanced Mobility Program

- Must benefit populations in the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area
- Unique TPB role to prioritize and select while COG implements
- Approximately \$2.8 million per year in matching grants
- Matching required
 - 20% for Capital or Mobility Management
 - 50% for Operating



2019 Solicitation

- August 14 through November 4, 2019
- More than \$7 million in federal funding available including reallocated dollars
- Five in-person pre-application conferences and one virtual
- Promoted through *TPBNews* and social media



2019 Solicitation

3,000+ Contacts received notice

29 Applications submitted

\$12.5 M Requested in federal dollars

\$1.70 Requested for every **\$1** available

137 Wheelchair accessible minivans and buses requested

2019 Selection

- Chaired by a member of the TPB
- Selection committee of local and national experts
- Recommend projects based on selection criteria:

Criterion	Maximum Points
Coordination among jurisdictions and agencies	25
Responsiveness to the TPB's Coordinated Plan: Priority Projects (up to 12 points) Strategies (up to 8 points)	20
Institutional capacity to manage and administer an FTA grant	20
Project feasibility	15
Regional need	5
Equity Emphasis Areas	5
Customer focus and input	10



Next Steps

- **December**
 - Complete Selection Committee recommendations
- **January**
 - Tech notice with review of projects received
 - TPB approval and TIP amendment
 - TPB staff notifies applicants and begins submission process with FTA
- **Next Solicitation**
 - Summer 2021



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