

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.”

- 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

Thursday, August 15, 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

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Montgomery County Planning Dept.

Silver Spring, MD



Application Process: On-line System

- Application process and required documentation is extensive and comprehensive

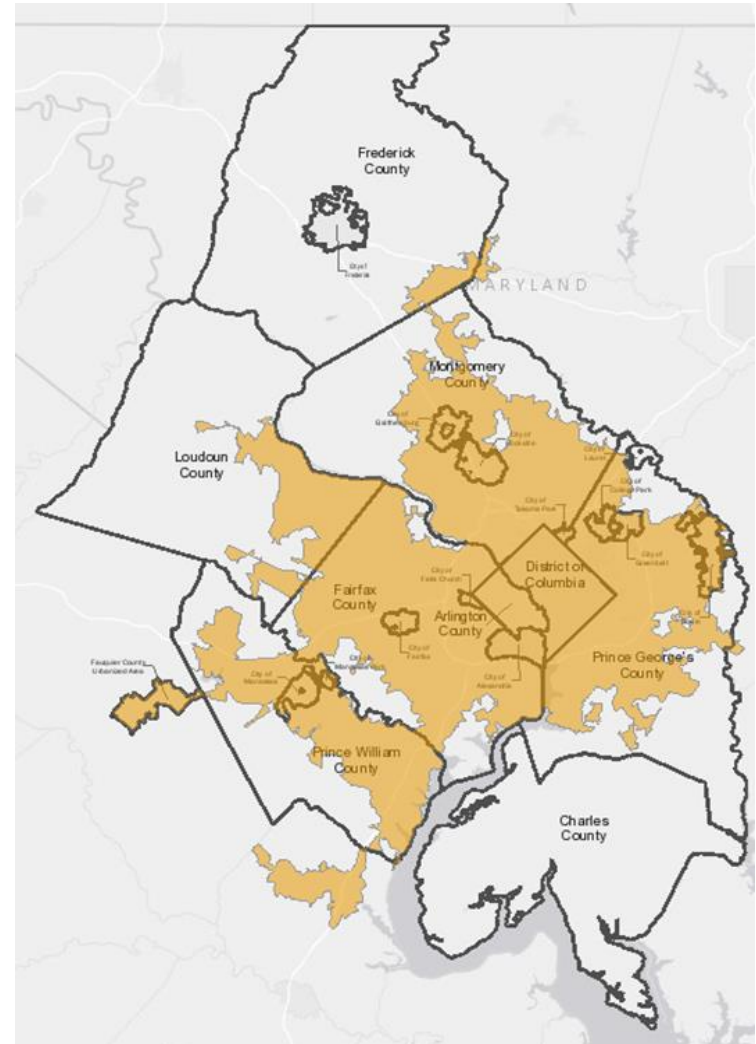
The screenshot shows the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOCG) online application system. The header includes the MWCOCG logo and the tagline "One Region Moving Forward". The user is logged in as Sergio Ritacco. The main navigation bar includes "Search", "Tools", "Communications", and "Reporting". The current page is titled "Application" and shows the "Preview As" dropdown set to "Administrators" and a "Question List" link. The application details are for the "2017 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (5310) - Non-vehicle" and "Application for Projects Other than Vehicles - Enhanced Mobility 2017". A note indicates that fields with an asterisk (*) are required. The "Opening Questions" section includes a "DUNS Number" field with instructions: "Please provide your unique nine digit D-U-N-S identification number. If you do not have a DUNS number at this time you can leave this section blank. However, if your application is approved for funding you will need to have a DUNS number in order to receive FTA funds from MWCOG/TPB." Below this is an "Administrator Comments" section. The "Authorizing Resolution*" section explains that the agency's governing body must adopt a resolution authorizing the application for an FTA grant, approve local match funding, and agree to comply with Federal requirements. 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, there is an "Upload a file" button with a "1 MB allowed" limit.



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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