

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 5310 FUNDS

CALL FOR PROJECTS AND OVERVIEW

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OVERVIEW

- Section 5310 basics
- Program goals
- Eligible recipients
- Funding availability
- Local match requirements
- Eligible activities
- Application and selection process



BASICS OF SECTION 5310

Projects should result in increased mobility for seniors and people with disabilities.



FTA = Federal Transit Administration IDOT = Illinois Department of Transportation TCRPC = Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

URBANIZED AREA

- Purple line = Peoria urbanized area
- Yellow shading = Municipal boundaries



PROGRAM GOAL

To assist communities in meeting the transportation needs of **individuals** with disabilities and older adults when the transportation service already provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting those needs.



Individuals with disabilities

Seniors

Increase mobility through transit

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

Government agencies Public transit providers

Nonprofits

Must be within Peoria urbanized area

FUNDING AMOUNTS



ARP = American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 CRRSAA = Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021

LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Capital Projects

- 80% federal cost share
- 20% local cost share

Operational Projects

- 50% federal cost share
- 50% local share

* ARP & CRRSAA do not have a local cost share requirement

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Radios or other communication equipment
- Computer hardware and software
- Transit-related intelligent transportation systems (ITS)
- Wheelchair restraints
- Wheelchair lifts
- Benches, shelters, and other passenger amenities
- Wayfinding and signage
- Dispatch systems

Note: Requested funds for vehicles should go through IDOT's Consolidated Vehicle Procurement (CVP) program

80% federal 20% local

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: CAPITAL PROJECTS

MOBILITY MANAGEMENT (I.E., EMPLOYEE HOURS)

- Promotion, enhancement, & facilitation of access to transportation services
- **Support** for short-term management activities to plan and implement coordinated services
- **Development** and operation of one-stop transportation traveler call centers
- Operational **planning** for:
 - Geographic information systems (GIS) mapping
 - Coordinated vehicle scheduling
 - Dispatching and monitoring technologies
- Funding to support the administrative costs of:
 - Sharing services provided to clients
 - The coordinated usage of vehicles with other nonprofits

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The Grey Area study was a mobility management project!

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES: OPERATIONAL

- Expansion of paratransit service parameters beyond the three-fourths mile required by the ADA
- Expansion of current paratransit hours of operation
- Incremental cost of providing same-day service
- Incremental cost of making door-to-door service available to all eligible ADA paratransit riders
- Providing escorts or assisting riders through the door of their destination
- Expenses related to voucher programs for transportation services offered by human service providers
- Mileage reimbursement as part of a volunteer driver program
- Support for **volunteer driver programs**

50% federal 50% local

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application
 - Fill out through Microsoft Word
 - Follow instructions on pg. 4
 - Due on **Oct. I, 202 I**, by 4:00 p.m.
 - Utilize HSTP plan goals as guidance
- Note: Reema will be out of the office Sep. 15-Oct. I
 - Direct all questions/comments to Michael or Gabriel during that time



HSTP GOALS, FROM 2016 HSTP DOCUMENT

- Overarching goal:
 - HSTP Region 5 residents and employees will have the ability to autonomously participate in all aspects of life through access to safe, efficient, affordable, and quality transportation services.
- Four main goals:
 - **Increase awareness** of public and human services transportation for target populations and the general public.
 - **Improve the quality** of public and human services transportation for target populations and the general public.
 - **Increase efficiency** and **decrease costs** of the existing transportation system.
 - **Increase availability and options** of public and human services transportation for target populations and the general public.

2016

Heart of Illinois Human Services Transportation Plan



Illinois HSTP Region 5 & Peorla-Peki Urbanized Area i-County Regional Planning Commiss 3/30/2016

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Eligible/ineligible screening criteria
 - Project meets unmet transportation needs
 - Application addresses HSTP goals

Evaluation criteria	Maximum points
Applicant's participation in local coordination process	20
Applicant identifies local funding sources	10
Project increases mobility options	20
Project operational within a reasonable timeframe	10
Estimated number of new customers	25
Total	85

SELECTION PROCESS



- TCRPC staff will grade projects
- Review with HSTP Urban subcommittee
 - Priority & consideration of lower cost share given to projects in the Grey Area

GREY AREA MUNICIPALITIES

Peoria County	Tazewell County	Woodford County
Norwood	North Pekin	Germantown Hills
Dunlap	Marquette Heights	
Rome	Creve Coeur	
Bellevue	Morton	
Chillicothe	Washington	
Bartonville		



The Grey Area also includes the urbanized unincorporated sections of each county

Figure 1.1: Municipalities in the Grey Area

POST-AWARD: SUBGRANTEE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- Monthly financial & brief status reports
- May require more admin work depending on project
 - i.e., capital projects would require environmental reviews and following procurement policies of your agency & FTA



THANK YOU!

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