



5310 PROGRAM FACT SHEET

FTA SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES



Program Purpose

To improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.



Service Expansion Vehicle (Traditional) Projects

- Services to additional seniors and or individuals with disabilities; or
- Expanding the service area or hours of service; or
- Increasing the number and/or frequency of trips



Funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2020-2021

- Approximately \$20 Million in Federal Grant funds for Large Urbanized Areas and \$15 Million for Small Urban and Rural communities.
- This is a competitive grant process.
- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) mandates that at least 55% of funding is used for Capital (Traditional) Projects.
- FTA mandates that no more than 45% of funding be used for Expanded Projects.



Examples of Eligible Mobility Management (Expanded) Projects

- Planning, development, implementation of coordinated transportation services
- Travel training/trip planning
- One-Stop Call Center



Eligible Application

- Private non-profit corporations (Traditional and Expanded Projects)
- Public Agencies where no non-profits provide service (Traditional Projects)
- Public Agencies approved by the State to coordinate services (Traditional Projects)
- Public Agencies (Expanded Projects)



Examples of Eligible Operating Assistance (Expanded) Projects

- Expansion of hours/service of paratransit service beyond the requirement of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Enhancement of services (same day; etc.)
- Volunteer Driver Programs



Eligible Capital Expenses (Traditional) Projects

- Accessible vans and buses
- Related equipment such as mobile radios, computer hardware, software, etc.



Program Requirements

- Grantees are responsible for the proper use, operating costs, and maintenance of all FTA funded equipment.
- Grantees certify that they will comply with State and Federal requirements.
- Grantees must certify that all projects are ready for implementation at time of application.



Vehicle Replacement (Traditional) Projects

- Vehicle(s) must be in active service
- A replacement bus or van must meet or exceed useful life at the time of application.



Information

- See Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT) Section 5310 web page at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/rail-and-mass-transportation/enhanced-mobility-of-seniors-and-individuals-with-disabilities-program-fta-5310>
- Applications are accessed and submitted through BlackCat at: <https://secure.blackcatgrants.com/Login.aspx?site=cadot>
- Call for projects expected on January 3, 2022.



5310 PROGRAM TIMELINE

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For 2022 Call for Projects (Federal Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021)



FALL 2021

- MPO/RTPA/Subrecipient Survey
- RTPA/MPO coordination meetings



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

- Applications released **January 3, 2022** via the BlackCat Transit Data Management System (BlackCat)
- Application Workshop/Webinar and Technical Consultations
- Applicant Coordination with RTPA/MPO



MARCH/APRIL 2022

- Application submittal deadline by **March 2, 2022 at 3:00 pm** (in BlackCat)
- MPO/RTPA Score Applications
- The State Review Committee scores and verifies MPO/RTPA scores



MAY 2022

- Project Scores are merged into a statewide prioritized list
- Draft list for the Small Urban and Rural projects are developed and submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC)
- The CTC distributes public draft of Small Urban and Rural Program of Projects (POP) and presents at the May CTC meeting



JUNE 2022

- Appeals hearing for Small Urban and Rural projects
- The CTC conducts public hearing to adopt final POP
- Final POP distributed publicly
- Projects are programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)



SUMMER/FALL 2022 AND BEYOND

- Projects on the POP are verified for Programming requirements and submitted to FTA for grant funding approval
- After FTA approval, Successful Applicant Workshops will be scheduled
- Standard Agreements begin to be issued and procurement and awarded projects begin



PROGRAM NOTE:

FTA Section 5310 vehicles are purchased by Caltrans using a State procurement process. Upon Caltrans approval, public agencies may follow their own local procurement process. However, the grantee must comply with State and Federal procurement procedures when purchasing with local funds. Upon project completion, the grantee request reimbursement from Caltrans for the Federal Share.

*** *Timeline dates are subject to change.***