

## *Capital Grant Opportunity for Private Non-Profit*

### **Elderly and People with Disabilities Specialized Transit Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5310)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 11, 2013**

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is pleased to announce the Federal Section 5310 Elderly and People with Disabilities Specialized Transit Program for Solano. STA, in coordination with the Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC), and the Metropolitan Transportation Council (MTC) will submit scored applications to be reviewed by Caltrans. Caltrans will be administering the 5310 program with an estimated amount of \$13 million provided by Federal Transit Administration for California.

**Program Purpose:** The Section 5310 Program provides **capital** grants to assist private non-profit corporations and, under certain conditions, public agencies, to provide safe, efficient, and coordinated transportation services for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities for whom public transportation is otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate.

**Application and Application Instructions:** <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html>  
Applications are to be submitted to the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) **and** the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) by **March 11, 2013 by 5:00 pm.**

**Solano Transportation Authority**

Attention: Liz Niedziela  
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**Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

Attention: Drennen Shelton  
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Number of copies to **STA:**

1 original, 6 copies,  
and an electronic file on a CD or USB drive

Number of copies to **MTC:**

1 original, 6 copies,  
and an electronic file on a CD or USB drive

MTC will forward all necessary documents to Caltrans. Applicants do **NOT** need to submit any applications directly to Caltrans.



In addition, Caltrans has announced federal funding for the **Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)** and **5317 New Freedom** programs for small-urban and non-urban (rural) areas. Program information, applications, and application instructions for 5316 and 5317 can be found at:

Section 5316, JARC: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5316.html>

Section 5317, New Freedom: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5317.html>.

**Please contact Caltrans for assistance with 5316 and 5317 applications.**

Attached please find the Fact Sheet and Program Timeline for 5310. **Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about eligible projects or need assistance with the 5310 application.**

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**FTA Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Specialized Transit Program  
Federal Fiscal Year 2012**

**PROGRAM FACT SHEET AND TIMELINE**

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**Program Purpose:** Provide capital grants for projects that meet the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where public mass transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

**Program History:** Since the program's inception in 1975, approximately 500 agencies have received over 4000 vehicles statewide, serving a variety of client groups and programs ranging from small agencies with specific clientele (e.g. dialysis and AIDS patients) to large providers serving an entire community. The average cost for yearly maintenance for a vehicle is estimated at \$8,500.

**Funds Available**

- \* Approximately \$13 million in Federal funds are available for this cycle;
- \* 100 % in federal funds upon FTA approval of Transportation Development Credits.

**Eligible Applicants:**

- \* Private non-profit corporations;
- \* Public agencies where no private non-profits are readily available to provide the proposed service;
- \* Public agencies that have been approved by the State to coordinate services.

**Eligible Equipment:**

- \* Accessible vans and buses;
- \* Mobile radios and communication equipment;
- \* Computer hardware and software

**Service Eligibility:** Services to be provided must serve the transportation needs of elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities. Public service must be "incidental" per FTA C 9070.1F.

**Project Eligibility:** Applicants must have management oversight and control over the operations and service of the equipment. Applicants are required to provide sufficient justification and provide documentation that alternative transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate to meet the agency's transportation needs.

**Selected project vehicle(s) must provide a minimum of 20 hours of service per week per vehicle or in coordination with other agencies.**

All projects selected for funding must be derived from a Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) as required by FTA C 9070.1F.

**Vehicle Replacement Eligibility:** Vehicle(s) must be in active service. Active service is defined as a vehicle providing service throughout the agency's normal days and hours of operation. A van(s) proposed for replacement must have been in service for four years or have at least 100,000 miles at the time of application. A replacement bus(s) must meet or exceed useful life at the time of application.

**Service Expansion Eligibility:** Applicants must be able to document that the proposed transportation service will provide:

- \* Services to additional persons; or
- \* Expand the service area or hours; or
- \* Increase the number and/or frequency of trips.

**Funding Selection Process:**

1. The Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) scores the applications using established evaluation criteria and completes a prioritized list for their region.
2. The State Review Committee reviews the RTPA scores, and scores a statewide-prioritized list of projects based on available funding.
3. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) holds a public hearing to review and adopt the final list of projects.
4. Caltrans submits approved projects to the FTA.

**Program Requirements:** Once approved by FTA, successful applicants enter into a Standard Agreement with Caltrans. The agreement remains in effect until the project's useful life. Grantees are responsible for the proper use, operating costs, and maintenance of all project equipment. Grantees must be prepared to comply with the requirements of Caltrans, the Department of Motor Vehicle and the regulations of the California Highway Patrol.

## 5310 Timeline

Item	Date
Caltrans releases call for projects	11/15/12
Caltrans provides application workshops at various locations  At the MTC office in Oakland on <b>Tuesday, January 22 from 1-5 p.m.</b> You may attend the Oakland workshop in-person <u>or</u> via webinar. Contact Caltrans Section 5310 staff at (888) 472-6816 to register.	01/22/13
<b>Final applications due to STA and MTC (1 original + 6 copies + an electronic file to each agency )</b>	<b>March 11, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.</b>
Applications evaluated by Solano Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) scoring committees	March 12 – March 25
STA transmits PCC scores to MTC	03/26/12
MTC publishes draft regional rankings	03/29/12
Applicants review scores and prepare appeals, as necessary	April 1 – April 4
Applicant Appeals due to MTC (details to follow)	04/05/12
MTC Open Forum – Applicant appeals (details to follow)	04/10/12
MTC Programming & Allocations Committee approval of regional rankings and referral to MTC Commission for adoption	05/08/12
MTC transmits preliminary regional priorities to Caltrans	05/13/12
MTC Commission adoption of regional rankings	05/22/12
MTC transmits adopted regional priorities to Caltrans	05/22/12
Caltrans notifies region of Draft Statewide Scores	TBD – August - September
MTC notifies PCCs of score changes; discuss with applicants and Caltrans	TBD – August - September
CTC staff level conference for appeals of statewide scores	TBD – August - September
CTC approves final Section 5310 scores and adopts program	09/01/13