

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is issuing a call for projects that will be funded with Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funding. These projects are meant to provide transportation services targeted to benefit the elderly and people with disabilities, when current public transportation service is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable to meet their transportation needs. Eligible organizations may submit applications for projects that are described below for funding.

There is \$512,319 available under the Section 5310 program.
Applications are due no later than **5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2019**.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible project applicants can be either private, non-profit organizations, local governments, or other providers of public transportation* that provide transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible applicants for the Traditional Category must either be a private nonprofit organization or a local governmental authority that is approved by a state to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible applicants to receive funding for the "Other Category" include a local governmental authority or a private nonprofit organization.

Eligible Projects

According to federal requirements, a minimum of 55%, or \$281,775 of total Section 5310 funds must be used for traditional capital projects. Examples of eligible capital projects include purchase ADA accessible vehicle, ADA facility or infrastructure improvements, support equipment for 5310 funded vehicles, Mobility Management, and acquisition of transportation services under a contract, lease, or other arrangement.

Up to 45%, or \$230,544, of total Section 5310 funds may be spent on operating projects. Examples of eligible operating projects include increased Paratransit service boundaries or hours, alternatives to public transportation, shuttle services to transportation centers, rideshare and vanpool services. The total amount of 5310 funds dedicated to these types of projects can range between 0% and 45% of available funding**.

This is not an exhaustive list, for project eligibility contact Spokane Transit with questions. Though the project or service may be used by the general public, it must be proven to primarily benefit seniors and people with disabilities. Projects will be evaluated by STA staff and recommended projects will be sent to the STA Board of Directors for approval. More information on project scoring and evaluation criteria can be found in STA's Program Management Plan for Section 5310, which is available on request. The application and additional information are located at <https://www.spokanetransit.com/about-sta/public-notices>.

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The federal share is not to exceed 80 percent of the net project cost for capital projects. The federal share is not to exceed 50 percent of the net project cost for operating projects that are eligible in the "Other Category".

Questions and Comments

An informational meeting will be held on Monday, April 22nd, 2019 from (2pm -3pm) at Spokane Transit Authority 1230 W Boone Ave., Spokane, WA 99201 in the Full Northside Conference Room to provide potential applicants the opportunity to ask questions about program and project eligibility requirements. If you need additional information about this meeting, please contact Tara Zeigler, Transit Planner at (509) 343-1692 or tzeigler@spokanetransit.com.

Project Applications

Additional information and project applications are available on the STA website at <https://www.spokanetransit.com/about-sta/public-notices>, or at the Spokane Transit Authority, Administrative Office, 1230 West Boone Avenue, Spokane, Washington, 99201.

Regional Planning Requirements –

These projects will comply with comprehensive land use and transportation planning in the area and will be consistent with the adopted programming of projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) prepared by Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC). Projects that receive Section 5310 funding must be derived from the locally-developed Spokane County Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, also prepared by SRTC located here, <https://www.srtc.org/human-services-transportation-plan/>.

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If information is needed in another language, contact (509) 325-6094.

Si necesita información en otro idioma, comuníquese al (509) 325-6094.

Для получения информации на другом языке звоните по тел. (509) 325-6094.

Nếu quý vị cần thông tin bằng một ngôn ngữ khác, xin vui lòng gọi số (509) 325-6094.

Spokane Transit assures nondiscrimination in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information, see www.spokanetransit.com. Upon request, alternative formats of this information will be produced for people who are disabled. The meeting facility is accessible for people using wheelchairs. For other accommodations, please call 325-6094 (TTY Relay 711) at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

* STA (if needed) may certify that there are no nonprofit organizations available in the area to provide the service.

**To be considered a provider of public transportation, an agency must provide "shared-ride" transportation, which means that it may transport two or more passengers in the same vehicle who are otherwise not travelling together (as opposed to exclusive-ride taxi services). Providers of public transportation can be either public or private agencies.

STA may elect to capture up to 10 percent of the funds available to fund program administration costs.

