

Federal Transit Administration
Section 5310 FFY 2015 Application Announcement
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities

The Section 5310 application for the FFY 2015 funding cycle is now available on the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) website. It has been formatted with fillable forms and may be submitted electronically to: Ellen.Lawrence@ct.gov To access the application, go to www.ct.gov/dot/5310.

- Section 5310 is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The new program, as amended by MAP-21, authorizes federal grants for the activities previously authorized under two separate grant programs: Section 5310, formula grants for the special needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities; and Section 5317, New Freedom program.
- Eligible recipients of this competitive program include:
 - A private non-profit organization
 - A State or local governmental authority that:
 - Is approved by the State to coordinate services for seniors and persons with disabilities.
 - Certifies that there are no non-profit organizations readily available in the area to provide the service.
 - An operator of public transportation that receives a Section 5310 grant indirectly through a recipient
 - i. Taxi companies may participate in the Section 5310 program as contractors.
- There are three (3) separate applications; one for those interested in applying for Section 5310 A funding, one for Section 5310 B, C & D Capital funding and one for Section 5310 B, C & D Operating funding. Applicants need to complete the application relevant to the project category for which they are applying.
- There is also an Application Instructions packet, for review only. It contains updated program information, instructions on how to complete the application for FFY 2015 and documentation for awarded applicants. The instructions packet should be read thoroughly and should **NOT** be submitted with the application.
- The Federal share of eligible capital costs shall be in an amount equal to 80 percent of the cost. The Federal share of the eligible operating costs may not exceed 50 percent of the subsidy.
- Section 5310 A applicants must place a public notice in a major newspaper with the greatest appropriate readership in the proposed service area by **Friday, April 15, 2016**.
- The useful life requirement for replacement vehicles is now 4 years or 100,000 miles for both vans and buses; 5 years or 150,000 miles for vehicles with a capacity of 20 passengers or more.
- Applicants submitting applications via e-mail, mail or in person must submit one original to CTDOT and one copy to the appropriate Regional Planning Organization (RPO). See Appendix J in the Application Instructions packet for a listing of RPOs. All applicants must include any and all supporting documentation. Applications must be submitted no later than **4:00PM on Friday, April 29, 2016**. CTDOT and the RPOs will not review late applications.
- The FFY 2015 application shall be the only application accepted and reviewed by the RPO and CTDOT. Please contact Ellen Lawrence at (860) 594-2912 for questions on Section 5310 A or Aimee Marques at (860) 594-2840 for questions on Section 5310 B, C & D. Section 5310 A applicants will be notified of CTDOT selection for FTA grant award in writing by **Thursday, June 30, 2016**. Section B, C & D applicants will be notified upon FTA approval, estimated to occur in the Fall of 2016.