

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: HVMPO, SWRMPO, and TAG Members
FROM: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella
DATE: April 30, 2020
RE: Section 5310 Grant Program Solicitation

Overview: WestCOG is soliciting applications for funding under the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 grant program.

The Section 5310 program is intended to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. It supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas of Connecticut – large urbanized (over 200,000), small urbanized (50,000–200,000), and rural (under 50,000).

Eligible Recipients: recipients include private nonprofit organizations, states or local government authorities, or operators of public transportation. Taxi companies may participate in the Section 5310 program as contractors, and may apply via a coordinating entity.

Grant Types and Funding: There are three different application forms that can be completed depending on the type of project. These include Traditional Section 5310 Capital Grants (vans), Non-traditional Section 5310 Capital Grants and Section 5310 Operating. The grants provide up to 50% of operating costs and 80% of capital costs for a broad spectrum of projects, depending on the type of grant. Purchase of service agreement with Transit Districts may receive up to 80% in operating funds.

Additional Details: including applications and program criteria may be found at CTDOT's Section 5310 program website, www.ct.gov/dot/5310

Important Deadlines:

- **Friday, June 12, 2020:** traditional applicants: must publish a Public Notice one (1) time in a major newspaper with the greatest readership in the proposed area. **Please note that letters to operators in the Region are required 1-week before this deadline.**
- **Friday, June 19, 2020:** *optional*, but highly recommended deadline for COG review of draft applications for completeness.
- **Friday, June 26, 2020:** finalized application should be sent electronically to DOT.Section5310@ct.gov for CTDOT, and to Todd Fontanella of WestCOG at tfontanella@westcog.org.

WestCOG Assistance: staff will provide technical assistance to those interested in applying and will review and prioritize regional applications. Please contact Todd Fontanella by email at tfontanella@westcog.org or by phone at 475-323-2076 .