



Council Connections

Bridging Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties
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5310 Human Services Grant Application Now Available

The Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT/MTA) is pleased to announce the availability of funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation /Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Section 5310-Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. The application package for Section 5310 grant funding is available on the Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM) website [5310 Grant Application \(taminc.org\)](http://taminc.org). The 5310 Human Services Grant application Parts II and Part III plus supplemental documentation will be submitted electronically via the **MDOT MTA Grant Application Portal** no later than **January 20, 2023, at 4:00 pm**. Registration on the MDOT MTA Portal is mandatory. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA DELIVERY OR U.S. MAIL.**

Eligible Section 5310 Applicants

Private, non-profit entities and faith-based agencies that provide transportation services to disabled and elderly individuals and are exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are eligible to receive funding.

Eligible Section 5310 Projects

Section 5310 Program grant funds are available for capital and operating expenses to support the provision of transportation services to meet the specific needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

At least 55% of Section 5310 funds will be utilized for public transportation "traditional" capital projects. Eligible capital expenses may include but are not limited to:

- Bus, accessible bus, vans
- Radios and communications equipment
- Wheelchair lifts and restraints
- Vehicle rehabilitation
- Computer hardware and software
- Preventative maintenance
- Mobility management

Up to 45% of Section 5310 funds may be used for “non-traditional” capital and operating expenses. Eligible “non-traditional” capital and operating expenses include but are not limited to:

- purchase vehicles to support accessible taxi, ride-sharing, and/or vanpooling programs
- support administration and expenses related to voucher programs
- support volunteer driver and aid programs

The Section 5310 grant provides 80% of the cost of capital (e.g. vehicles, preventive maintenance, mobility management) and 50% of operations. The remaining 20% for capital and 50% for operations will be provided in cash by the applicant organization as matching funds and must be from non-Federal sources, except where specific legislative language permits Federal funds to be used to match other Federal funds. Some examples are Community Development Block Grants and Appalachian Regional Commission funds.

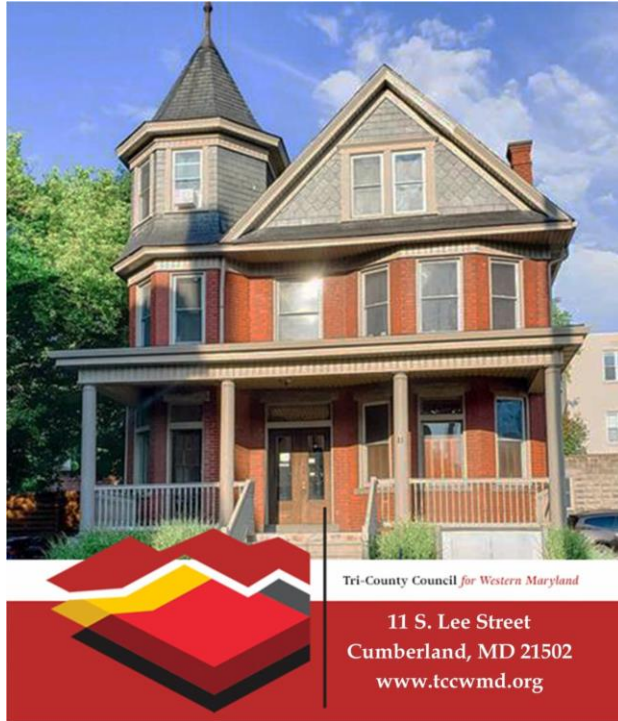
These funds are intended to help provide accessible transportation service for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities, where existing service is unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. Section 5310 supplements other Federal Transit Administration programs and must be coordinated with those programs and with transportation programs funded by other Federal and State sources.

Section 5310 funds may not be used to support services that compete with public transit or private-for-profit providers, or to provide transportation for school children. Certain standard requirements of Federal programs apply, including but not limited to: Title VI Civil Rights, Minority Business Enterprise, Equal Employment Opportunity, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and all Office of Management and Budget Requirements.

Tri-County Council Relocates Office

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland announces the relocation of our offices from Frostburg to Cumberland, Maryland. As the Council commemorates its 50th Anniversary in 2022, we are excited to continue the celebration at 11 S. Lee Street, Cumberland, MD 21502.

Please be sure to update our address in your contact information. Our phone number, fax number, and email addresses remain the same.



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10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
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